

OK, fellows, you can relax now. All of you paid subscribers who thought I'd absconded to Costa Rica with your 15¢ pieces will be happy to know that this is DYNATRON #20. Yes. is dated March, 1964, which obviously means that the bi-monthly schedule has gone by the boards, no? Yes. DYNATRON is published quarterly -- for the time being -- for the National Fantasy Fan Federation Amateur Press Alliance aka Neffer Amateur Bress Alliance aka N'APA aka that bunch of aku-heads. (Hawaiian fen, if any, will appreciate that. I couldn't resist it.) Copies also go to the Secret Masters of Fandom aka CAPA, to a few remaining paid subscribers -- a smallish group which will grow even smaller -- and to a few assorted hangers-on. The reason the smallish group of paid subbers is going to grow smaller is because in addition to lengthening the schedule we have raised the price. Haw! 20¢, chums, take it or leave it. DYNATRON is an amateur-type magazine loosely devoted to the discussion of fantasy and science-fiction (or whatever else comes along) and is loosely edited and published by Roy and Chrystal Tackett, 915 Green Valley Road NW, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87107. A Marinated Publication.

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DYNATRON 20 in the 20th N'APA mailing. Well, ain't that a kick? Yes.

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# WRITINGS IN THE SAND

Well, what do you expect? I've got to make the page count come out one way or another. Page 4 was already on stencil so the only solution was to put both pages 2 and 3 on the same page. Patter will go mad trying to get a correct count on this.

The mountains of inertia, said Willis, I had no real desire to fold Dynatron but putting it out was getting to be a drag. So, in order to stimulate, I hope, a somewhat lagging interest I've decided to change course for a while. We're going to play apazine, have a quarterly schedule, argue with N'APAns, and take life easy. Fandom seems to be settling into a quiet period with the number and quality of fanzines falling off. There are only about a half-dozen terest. The newszines are folding faster than new ones appear. No news, it seems. So we shall make like an apazine for a while, cut the expanding once more.

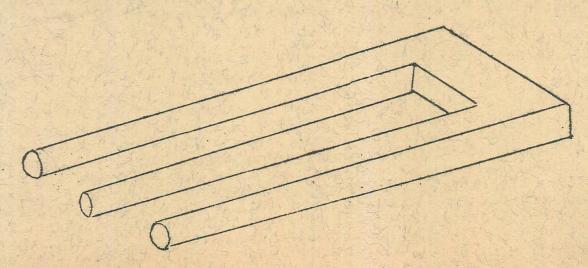
As Edco would put it. Having finally, after many years, gotten the ASF collection, what there is of it, unpacked and onto the bookshelves I find that what there is of it isn't what there used There seem to be many gaping holes in what was once a fairly complete run. Somewhere along the line several boxes of books and magazines shipped from various odd corners of the world never made it to Albuquerque. (Reminds me of the time we moved from San Diego to Beaufort, South Carolina (ah, memories of the Great Swamp, eh, Les Sample?) and our dining table arrived sans legs -- they showed up a year or two later in Panama City, Florida.) However, I do have a few duplicates with which I am willing to part preferably on a swap basis. If you have some that might fill up a hole or two maybe we can make a deal. The following ASTOUNDINGs are in excess: 1942: Jan, Feb. 1948: entire year. 1947: Jan, Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec. 1949: Jan, Oct. 1950: Mar, Oct, Nov, Dec. 1951: Feb. 1952: Dec. 1958: Oct. 1959: Mar. 1960: Sep, Nov. 1961: Jul. All are in good condition except Feb 1951 which has

status of two and the

The holes: (I won't mention that I need almost all Ahem. ASFs prior to 1942. But I did, didn't I? This great gap at the front end came about during the war when all my books and magazines were generously(?) turned over to the dogface soldiers at Camp Carson, Colo. for their library. Somewhere some ex-dogface soldier sits gloating over the first ll years of ASF plus various other goodies. Ah, well, c'est la cotton-pickin' guerre.) Needed: 1942: May. 1943: Jan, Apr, Sep, Nov, Dec. 1944: all. 1945: all. 1946: Jan, Feb, Mar. 1954: May, Jul. 1955: Jul, Aug, Oct, Nov, Dec. 1956: Jan, Mar, Apr, May. 1957: Feb, Arp, Dec. 1958: Jan, Apr. 1959: Feb. 1960: Sep.

chums, where they've di appeared to. Almost as much of a mystery as Beats me, little how I ended up with two copies each for the whole year 1948. Anyway, now that you've eyeballed the list check your own overages. Maybe we

My status at Sparton SW has changed a bit. I am now working in the environmental laboratory where we take the things we build and freeze them, bake them, soak them, shake them, drop them, and then try to figure out why they don't work. 100G shock test and all that rot. We make all sorts of space-age items. Below is one of our products -- an inter-dimensional space harmonic fork. (It is an integral part of my star-drive, Joe Gibson, want to install one in your fat-bottomed space ship?)



Not satisfied with telling us that tobacco is bad for us, the Medical Business now announces that coffee causes heart trouble. Particularly if one drinks more than 25 cups per day. I figure I'm safe as I'm down to only 19 or 20 cups a day now. At the plant we can drink coffee only on the coffee break--strangely enough--which limits me to four cups at work. Three or four cups at breakfast and then about 10 cups at night. Yeah, I'm safe there.

A footnote on the item about the man who bought and barricaded the street in Albuquerque: the city got an injunction forcing him to take the fence down and took the case to court. The judge ruled that the fact that the street wasn't dedicated to the city really didn't make any difference; the street had been used as a public the roughfare for years and was therefore in the public domain. To fence, Charlie.

A COMMENT ON THE EVENTS OF 22 NOVEMBER 1963 BY OMAR KHAYYAM:

The Worldly Hope men set their Hearts upon Turns Ashes-for it prespers; and anon, Like Snow upon the Desert's dusty Face Lighting a little Hour or two--is gone.

Hmmm. This being a stf fanzine and all that I wonder, have I mentioned science-fiction yet? Frobably not. Consider it mentioned. Next time around I'll probably do better. I have now reached that stage in the magazine which used to deplore Richard Bergeron. Or that Richard Bergeron deplored. I want to finish off this stencil but I've nothing in particular to finish it with. There's not enough room left to start an article or review or whatever and too much room for a filler. Even if I had a filler.

The most honorable Carboniferous Amateur BY FIVE #31 by Arthur H. Rapp. 31 issues in 31 months is a pretty good record and the original members of CAPA show no signs of losing interest.

Richard Finch, 13119 East Chestnut, Whittier, California 90602, is interested in helping out with a zine for reporting international fan doings. The idea being to circulate information of what fen are doing in such places as England, France, Germany, Japan, Italy, New York City, and other corners of the world. If you are interested in such get in touch with Dick.

In the meantime -- Ed Cox, doodle in this space:

LONDON IN SIXTY-FIVE
TOKYO IN SIXTY-SIX

ROY TACKETT

Soon now, maybe three or four minutes... the spacer lay still, waiting, remembering the day ...

A breeze carried the sharp, moist smell of the sea to the man on

the beach. It was a gentle broeze, born of a gentle autumn.

The man did not think about the breeze, nor the warm golden sun, nor about the beach with its black and purple sand, nor about any of the things he might have thought about. The man was, neither more nor less, and the heing was enough. He was warm and drowsy and presently he fell asloep.

A part of the spacer never slept and after a while that part of him heard a sound. It wakened the rest of him and the man sat up and

listened.

When he heard the sound again he relaxed. It was no more than the slip-slap of a boy's bare feet against a wet, sandy path. He had heard the sound many times befare.

"Earthman," the boy said. He stopped in front of the man.

The man looked and the boy was hazy. The man had to move his head and refocus his eyes fer he was a spacer and heavy primaries had blasted through his retinas, forming scars where there was no sight. He found a place in his eyes where he could see and studied the boy.

"Jed, son of Jed who lives by the sea," the man said, and in so

doing he acknowledged the boy and gave him permission to speak.

"Earthman, my father bids you well and asked that I speak to you saying it is mealtime and you are bid to share our house for food and shelter. The boy was sturdy and handsome, his body a light brown and hair of pure white. His eyes were typical of his people; swirling pools of irridescent purple and gold.

"I am proud," the Earthman said. "Speak to your father and say he honors me, even as his son honors him. The ritual was a daily one. lending an air of social grace to a relatively unsophisticated culture.

The boy nodded gravely. "I will speak to my father," he said,

pleased at the spacer's praise.

The man stood, brushed the sand from his clothing and they started the mile and a hulf walk to the house on the top of a small hill.

After the proper interval of silence the boy said, "What is it

like on your world?"

"It is much as it is here. Your planet is larger than mine, yet

it is much the same."

"Pik, son of Pik who makes sines, says your world is so crowded the people must live together in tall thick buildings."

"It is true, but not all of us live in such buildings. There are

some who live in private homes, as you do."

"Pik, who makes snoes, said to his some you have been in the service of your people for a long time.

"Yes," the man said simply. " long time." He turned inside him-

self and ignored the boy.

How long was long? How long had he rammed through deep space doing the husiness of earth? How long had he waited in the wards while they mended those parts of him that had been hurt and destroyed? How long had he ridden alone, and sometimes afraid, leaving specks and flecks of himself behind as heavy primaries slammed through him day after day? How long was long?

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Long was long enough to get from here to there, he guessed, and net much difference hetween the beginning and the end.

The boy came back to him after checking a nut tree to see if the

seeds were ripe enough to eat.

"I have been told to not speak of this," the boy looked up at the "Yet I must know of these things." He waited for the man to acknowledge him.

The spacer looked down at the boy and grinned. "Speak and none will know but us," the spacer said.

"Jed, who is my father, says you have served your people well, even fought in their wars.

"It is true."

The boy paused, collecting the words he wanted. By your time, today is the end of the third month since you have some to our world." "Yes."

"When this day ends you have said you will die." "Yes."

"Why is that so?"

"It is the way of my people."

"They will comehere and kill you?"

There is a device inside me that cannot be removed. time comes, it will destroy me. "

"You have never misplaced the trust of your people?"

"Not before the day I decided to remain here, three months ago." Pik, son of Pik who makes snoes, says you have much wealth.

"Star pilots are well paid. The spacer snifted and re-focused his eyes so he could see the path.

"Why is it so that you must die?"

The man hesitated so long the boy was afraid he was offended and would not answer.

"When spacers first went out from the world tney sometimes left the business of Earth and went about their Awn business. Some of them caused much harm to Earth in pursuit of their own ambitions and many harsh restrictions were placed upon spacers. When these rules became too burdensome, men hecame unwilling to spend their lives in space. Even the largest amounts of money were not enough to offset the great lonliness, the hardship and the danger.

"There came a time of practically no space travel from my world. Those times were before I was. I cannot say when space travel began again. I was young when it changed. I grew up knowing I would be a star pilot. There were many of us. We went to special schools from

the very first. The training takes many years.

"It has been a good life. It has been a lonely life. Only now do I regret the device inside me that is my death."

"I do not think it fair," the boy said finally.

"When I was young and wanted many things, I thought it was fair." "But you do not think it fair now?"

"I do not think it is the only way."

"Are you afraid because the now of you will die?" The boy spoke quietly.

"It has been a long life. Much of it was good. Still, there are many things I would do had I the time to do them."

"Is there an again of you or another world?" The boy said thoughtfully.

"But you desire an again of you very much?"

The spacer stopped walking and looked out over the sea, smelled the wet salt air and watched the sun start its drop to the horizon.

DYNATRON Page 7 "Yes," the man said. "Very much."

The boy bowed to the sun.

"Let this be the Year of the Earthman."

The man touched the boy's shoulder. Come, we will be late for mealtime."

They walked on toward the house, which was made for the most part of fieldstone and light red mortar. A man, marked and colored like the boy, stood in the doorway. He was strong-looking, a man of the soil that fed him.

The spacer stopped at the front door. It was of sturdy oak, handcarved, softly weathered by the years. He remembered the first day he had passed through it, a stranger. He knew tongight the door opened to him, beckoned him inside for the final time.

"Earthman," the older man said. His voice was serene, yet it

turned the simple word into a ceremony.

"Jed, who lives by the sea," the spacer said. "I bid you well.

I am honored by your hospitality."

"My home is pleased to welcome you," Jed motioned them inside. Immediately insde was a single large room with an open-beamed ceiling. It was furnished with fine hand-hewn pieces, arranged for living and dining, and set upon colorful rugs. At the far end, using up the entire wall, was the fireplace. A fire burned there, bluish and golden red.

From a doorway near the fireplace two women appeared.

air of the room turned electric, vital.

The alder woman howed slightly to the spacer, then slipped her small hand into her husband's and rested her head lightly upon his shoulder.

"Earthman, who is my son through my daughter," she said softly. "Ren, who is my mather in marriage," he said, returning a slight "Did your day go well for you?"

"My day went well." She drew ner husband with her to a small di-

van placed close to the fire.

Only after these courtesides did the spacer look directly at the younger woman and his look told her that he was intensely aware of her, now and hefore and forever. Apart from the luxuriant white hair and luminous purple eyes of her race, she looked much like a girl from his warld's South Sea Islands. She would be considered most attractive on his world.

"Pam, who is my wife," the spacer said, "was your day good?" "The day was good, my husband," she said. Her eyes spoke of something yet unsaid. And your day, did it unfold in the manner you planned?

"My day was proper," he said. He held out his hand, and she slipped quickly, gracefully, into his arms. She hugged him playfully, and he grinned down in wonder at the woman who had been so briefly his wife.

You are beautiful, ne said. "I am proud."

Over by the fire, Ren made a discreet motion to her husband and the bey. The three of them left the room.

lone then, Pam slipped out of the circle of his arms, not completely, only far enough that she could look up into his eyes. Steel grey eyes that had shown pure contentment all the days of the last three months, but today were clouded and faraway, even though he looked directly at her.

My husband, we are blessed. There is within me your child, alive

and well.

"You are sure?" he said harshly. "You are sure?"

"This afternoon I was sure. When I went to the village I stopped to see Lar, the keeper of health. There is no doubt. The now of me holds the again of us."

"Thank you, my Pam, thank you." The kiss they exchanged excluded the now and the again and the universe.

MUMIT MONE, husband, you thank me for what our love has created. They moved close to the fire and sat together and he held her hand and would

"I have a son," he said, staring into the fire.
"Pooh," said the woman. "How do you know it is not a daughter

"Whichever, it is of my blood," the spacer said. "It is of me." "And me," the woman said, smiling.

He grinned at her. "I do not mean to act as though I were the only one needed to make a child. But I was in space for a long time. I feared my seed was dead.

The woman put her head on his shoulder. "Your seed is good,"

she murmured.

"On Earth I have several million credits. They are yours."

"I will give the money to your child."

"No man could have chosen better than you. And if you are fit to hear my child, then you are fit to control my money."

"I am proud of our love. It has been short, but it has been good." "Yes, it has been good."

The mother, the life giver that lay just behind the eyes of all

women showed itself to him and he was pleased.

In the days past he had not wanted to taink about the last actual moment, the timewhen his body would commence whatever ritual was necessary to the process of dying.

When his mind sometimes wondered how it would be, he turned the thought towards the last hours, and away from that last final moment.

He had wanted the final day to be crowded with rich intimacies, such as the look of motherhood he had just seen in his wife's face. He had thought his last hour would travel through him slowly, each moment memorable because of that legendary last hour clarity.

The last hour had come and now he know that time was a small, quick The minutes sneaked past him, unseen and not accounted for. The evening had gone and he could find no memory of it. He had talked quietly with Pam and her family, then he and Pam had walked to their room to spend the last, final hour together.

Abruptly, that hour deserted him, too. The only thing he could find to remember was Pam's strangely beautiful look of motherhood.

It was his own idea that he go alone to a room which had been prepared for him. Death was sometimes ugly. He did not know how his would be, although he was sure the device inside him carried no pain with it.

He had not let his mind vision how it would be. Now the absolute starkness was with him, real and poignant. Nothing could change it. Death was the ultimate, conclusive word. Tense and rigid, he braced himself. Soon now, a mement or two.

He lay still, waiting.

Deep inside, where the vital parts lived, he felt a strange click. Energy seeped away, taking the tenseness with it. He felt a stopping inside as each vital part of him quietly gave up the life it had held

Earlier he had sought a special clarity that had not come.

With thrusting rudeness it penetrated into the warm, quiet place where he rested. Clarity came. Coarse, and rough and vulgar, it came.

DYNATRON Page 9 His mind oringed and turned, tried to stop what was happening to him.

He was not a man. He looked like a man, had the flesh and thought
of a man, but he was not a man.

He was a...there was a word for everything. What was the word for him? What was he? Not a man. No. Not a man, but a...they called him...he had a name...he was...but what was he?

He had man's tissue on his bones, but his bones were better than man's. They fold him that when they told him how he was made. It was just before he was sent to be programmed.

Maybe that's what he was. Programmed. No, that wasn't it. Then what was he? God in heaven, what....

There was one final click.

ALLEN D. MORGAN

In a place

between this space

and the space next to it

time stands on end

lord, distance runs between

in this space

was a broken place

and man crawled, wormed, tip-toed in

this place

this tiny broken space

whore time stands on end lord, distance runs between.

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HOGAN SMITH

GHOSTING

I am ghosting; And you are ghosting for me. I am ghosting, But you can't remember the fee.

ME, DREAM DRENCHED

Dream drenched,
I watched Satan laughing at my door.
Dream drenched with awe,
I saw him creep away.

Dream drenched,
I locked the door again;
Dream drenched with gloom
I shuddered in bed alone.
Dream drenched,
(and orying)
I'm waiting for his return.

BILL WOLFENBARGER

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THE WALKING DEAD No great gal

No great gale, but the wind's least breath Sends the autumn leafe to its destined death For the stem of the leaf at the root of it all Was long days dead before the fall.

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The great political leader leaned forward on the podium. He lifted his hands and fixed the audience with an authoratative eye. (Now just what sort of sentence is that? RT)

"We must", he bellowed, "ge to the grass roots."

Out here in semi-arid New Mexico grass is a rather scarce thing, except for the Johnson grass (no relation to LBJ one presumes) which grows wherever it isn't wanted. However, we do have grass roots. Political grass roots that is.

A few weeks ago I noted an item in the morning newspaper concerning the upcoming Democratic precinct conventions. My curiosity about seeing local democracy (or in this case the D is uppercase) in action was aroused so I decided that as long as I was registered as a Democrat I might as well attend the precinct convention. It was to be held in the cafeteria of Ranchos School at 1930 of a Saturday evening. (Chotto matte. 1930, Katz, you igguerant easterner, is seven-thirty of the P.M.) This was fine with me since I am well aware of the location of Ranchos School and seven-thirty of the P.M. (that's 1930, Katz) is a convenient hour.

That Saturday was a pretty good day. I managed to get in eight hours overtime at the plant (a practice that will stop if LBJ has his way about it) testing some of those crazy black boxes we build and after dinner (if I were writing up a trufannish report I'd give you a detailed description of the menu but I leave such things to conreporters) I put on a suit and tie for the first time in weeks and hauled myself off to the precinct convention.

I was greeted at the door by a gentleman who turned out to be the precinct chairman. He asked if I was a Democrat and when I replied in the affirmative he asked me to sign in please. (Sort of like "What's My Line?", y'know.) I dutifully signed in, the green ink from my pen standing out amid all that blue and black.

A good-sized crowd had already assembled but I saw no familiar faces. Nothing at all unusual about that since I don't know many people hereabouts. I found a seat--in the middle, of course--not too far down front and not too far back and sat back to wait for the procedings to proceed. I just had time to get my pipe going good when a familiar face, attached to my nextdoor neighbor, came up dragging an unfamiliar face with it. I was duly introduced to the unfamiliar face. It was a female face.

"I've heard about you," said the unfamiliar face. "I want to tell you how much I enjoy your letters to the newspaper."

I inquired. (My missives have been praised by such diverse groups as the conservative Volunteers For Mechem (Mechem is our self-appointed Conservative with a capital C Senator) and, over on the other side, the United World Federalists.)

"How would you like to be a delegate to the State convention?" asked the unfamiliar female face. I protested that I had given no thought to the matter and had only come to the local convention to see what went on.

The unfamiliar face hustled off and was lost amid many other unfamiliar faces so I settled down to puff my pipe and observe the workings of the grass roots.

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Along about 2000 the Chairman banged on the podium with his gavel and announced that the convention of Frecinct Four would come to order. He banged a few more times and finally got Precinct Four settled down to the business of the evening.

The business of the evening, the chairman said (after a joke or two about the Republicans, of course), was to elect delegates to the state convention. (Actually it was to elect delegates to the county convention which in turn elects delegates to the state convention, however, the county convention always elects itself to represent the quanty at the state convention. It is the conventional thing to do, you might say.) The Chairman went on to say that our little local donvention would be open to all and that nobody was going to tell anybody else how to vote. He explained that by virtue of having cast 1200 votes for the Democratic candidate for governor in the last general election, precinct four (or Precinct Four, if you will) was allowed 12 votes at the state convention. We were to send 24 delegates with 1/2 vote each.

"Nominations are now open for delegates to the state convention. Mr. Lucero?" he said.

Mr. Lucero was the vice-chairman who was seated on the platform only a few feet removed from the chairman. Mr. Lucero arose and announced that he wished to place in nomination a slate of candidates. He named off 24 names which included, of course, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman. As soon as Mr. Lucero sat down a gentleman arose in the audience and was immediately recognized by the Chairman. The gentleman's name was, purely by coincidence, of course, among those presented on the slate of candidates by Mr. Lucero.

"Mr. Chairman, I move the nominations close." he said. He was seconded by several other people who, also by coincidence, of course, were also on the list of candidates proposed by the Vice-Chairman.

The Chairman presented the motion to the convention and after a show of hands declared that the motion was carried.

A spokesman for the disorganized dissident faction was recognized and he, presumably in an attempt to salvage whatever he could, said he would like to propose some alternate delegates just in case some of the regular delegates were taken ill or something like that.

Chairman declared that the rules governing the Democratic party in New Mexico made no allowances for alternate delegates but, by golly, good old Frecinct Four would just ignore those rules and go ahead and elect alternate delegates anyway. (Of course they would. And, of course, the credentials committee of the county convention wouldn't recognize the existence of alternate delegates.) So the spokesman for the disorganized dissident faction called off a list of names, my own among them (man, that really grabbed me. Doesn't it grab you?), and the alternate delegates were, by golly, duly elected anyway.

that some candidates for various offices, residents of Precinct Four, were introduced and told us why they thought we should vote for them. (They were from Precinct 4 and us precinct 4 people must stick together.)

Even though I was a duly elected alternate delegate I didn't attend the county convention nor the state convention in Santa Fe. I figure when you've seen one example of grass roots democracy in action you've seen them all.

ROY TACKETT DYNATRON Peing some assorted comments on the 19th N'APA Mailing

Now all of you who have been wondering what that "Futurian Commentator" bit was about can stop wendering.

taristic overtones of my little lance carriers bug a great many fans. If any N'APAns find them objectionshle--well, feel free to object. Not that it will do you any good but go ahead and object anyway.

And welcome to N'APA, Roy Tackett. (I figured I might as well be the Greetings. first.) I suppose a few words of introduction might be appropriate in view of the fact that I come as a complete stranger to some of you. In some cases it is hetter that way. The full name is LeRoy H. Tackett, in case you ever pass this way. There is a Roy Tackett in the Albuquerque phone book but that isn't me and that gentleman, whoever he is, probably wishes I'd use my full name on everything--particularly on letters to the local newspapers. I am, just barely, this side of 40, stand 5' 10", weigh 160-which is wisnful thinking I actually weigh 170 but am trying to take off a few pounds-have brown hair and variable eyes. I am a retired Sergeant of Marines and am currently employed as an electronics technician. I've been reading stf ever since there was any and have been around fandom for (harrumph) years. Besides the N3F and N'APA I'm active in the Carboniferous Amateur Press Alliance (ah, yes, heheheheh) and about as active as one can be in First Fandem. also a member of the Science Fiction Club of Japan. In addition to DYNATRON I publish FIVE BY FIVE for CAPA every fifthmonth and the FIRST FANDOM M.G.ZINE about four times a year. Don't bother to ask for copies of either, friends, because they are not available to non-members.

that nonsense out of the way we come to the 19th Mailing.

ALLIANCE AMATEUR (Officialdom): I've met surprisingly few of those on the roster: Hulan, Johnstone, Fitten, Felz, and, though he doesn't remember, probably, and I'm sure I don't, Sam Russell. I know I must have met Sam orce as his autograph appears on my copy of the Program Book from the first Fanquet which was way back when.

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you are still marking UCL 's copies for the attention of Steve Schultheis. I thought he had left there for the University of the Seven

BaTY. #1 (Bowers): Evers' haiku are quite good although he cheated a bit with the fourth-it contains only 16 syllables. All too eften one finds amateurish prets attempting to construct haiku witnout knowing the rules. Evers evidently does and does a creditable job.

THE BOOK OF THE UNDEAD (Castora): Like you I had thought that The Shadow was written by various macks using the housename of Maxwell Grant. The recent paperback "Return of the Shadow" by Walter Gibson credited him with the entire lot--rather incredible considering that the magazine appeared semi-monthly or oftener for a while. I queried ol! buddy Len Moffatt on this and he, and Jim Harmon, both say that it fabulous but, of course, much of it was repition. Fabulous anyway. Writing like that may not be artistic but, man, it buys the groceries.

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MICKEY #2 (Kusske): Buy a dictionary and same correction fluid.

FOOFARAW #10 (Patten): This bit about recording some of the fannish filksongs--and other stf-type songs--bears pursuing further. The market wouldn't be large but it should be more than enough to pay for the recordings and materials. Might possibly be done at one of the cons. Comment, Brer Weber?

DUBHE (Baker): You Esperantists are fighting a losing battle. There is an international language already in use throughout the world. It is called--surprise--English. Truth. English is a required subject in most countries these days. In Asia it is used in international agreements. If a firm in Japan, say, makes a deal with a firm in India, three copies of the contract are made: one in Hindi, one in Japanese, and one in English.

NEOF.N (Hannifen): How did you talk Patter into giving you credit for these four pages of OMP. material:

AN AUTHOR INDEX TO F&SF (Fransen): Fine job, Don, and useful, but it would have been more so if you had notations concerning the various nom-de-plumes involved.

GEMZINE 4/38 (Carr): This, along with NIEKAS, constitutes the meat of the mailing. Gem, I think those people in FaPA were damfools for kicking you out: that your opinions were 180 out with theirs is besides the point--you can always be counted on to keep things lively. I don't hold with your apinions myself--often that is although we do see eye to eye on some matters--as it will appear shortly but I would fight any attempt to try to hush you up. We may be poles apart on many things but I think you are a definite asset to any discussion.

combinations: I think Swedish fan Bo Stenfors is the master of this particular artform. His fanzines over the past few years have featured some lovely mimeo-Ditto combinations.

I think the idea of a letterzine go over with a dull thud. There are too many fanzines around faunching for letters for that to catch on. But there isn't a thing to step any of these hard-charging young faneds from inaugerating a N3F slanted letterzine. Some of those eager types with a good editorial personality and the money to pay for it could make it a successful thing. and the key to success in any letterzine is the editor—how about that Wally, ol' wastebasket?——. Vom was a rearing success because 4sj and More je editorial personality was colorless. The big problem with TB these days is the size of the club. What with 400+ members the bloody thing costs a fortune and the editor does his best to keep it small. A N3F slanted letterzine would not have to go to the entire membership but go through N'APA.

Haw! If the editors of TNFF and TB would step being so tolerants. A slight reminder that the editor of TNFF is none other than Senor El Presidente Franson who doesn't print any letters so you can't blame him for encouraging feuds in that particular direction. Nor any other for that matter. As for TB--well, the editors like to keep it lively. As do the writers. For instance I have what I consider a legitimate gripe against Hamlin and have sent it to TB to be aired be-

fore the entire membership. I will undoubtedly be accused of formenting a feud but I don't see it that way--I see it as a matter needing clarification and since Hamlin's statement was addressed to the entire membership I feel that I have the right also to be heard by the membership. TB is our forum.

I cannot accept your attitude on aid to religious schools. You are proposing the fragmentation of our society. The public schools are (theoretically) supported by the whole community for the benefit of the whole community. You are proposing that a certain segment of the community be excused from contributing their share of community support. Utter nonsense! Why shouldn't I be allowed to deduct that portion of my taxes which go to support the county hospital since, as I am a retired military person still entitled to medical care, neither I nor my family will ever use the county hospital? So Catholic tax money is being used to support the public schools? So? So is Protestant tax money, Jewish tax money, and Bhuddist tax money. You say but the Catholics maintain their own schools. That's their privilege. It's also their privilege to pay for them. The public schools are there for the use of Catholics as well as everyone else. If the Catholics do not want to use the public facilities they must expect to pay extra. Same applies to the Methodists -- who have a school here--or any other group.

brainwash non-Catholic children into atheism. Rnd quote. How many kids do you have in public school, Gem? I have two. I can detect no signs that either is being brainwashed into atheism. No, they don't get religious teaching in school—the school has no business teaching religion—they get their religious teaching in church. After all, is not that the purpose of the church—to teach religion?

It sure isn't

the purpose of the school to teach religion.

lefty-slanted TV commentators to counteract the righty-slanted nows-

Interesting report on Stonehenge on the Columbia. This country has such a number of surprising things. You don't have to travel to athens to see the Parthenon-just to Nashville.

FENRIS 6 (Hulan): Towe you a letter which I may or may not have answered by the time this sees print. But I'll get around to it, Dave, one of these days. It's there in the stack with all the rest of them.

I broke down and bought a new bottle of corflu-no, Meskys wasn't here, I just used it all up-and the only thing available at this particular store was Gestetner (the price of which is outrageous) and the dammed stuff is white!

Half LIFE (Woolston): If I can swing it they will really be FIVE and you can ask Len or Rick to explain that cryptic remark.

EXCALIBUR (Bailes and Arnold Savid Katz no relation to David Katz): What's the trouble with your mimeo, chaps? (I know what's wrong with mine--I use 20 year old stencils). Er, did you take the typer off the ribbon (or vice versa) before you cut the stencils?

hind the times. Art Rapp sent me an advertisement for a doll house with a fallout shelter two years ago.

You could invest in a diction-

ary and some corflu, too, you know.

If I may go hack a moment to CVRSED 4 and to one of the many editorials thereof -- the one concerning how we should all be careful of what we do and say because of the effect it might have on the emerging nations of africa. I mentioned this one to my great and good friend, Lee Hammer (who is currently knocking about some odd corner of the world or other and bugging me with postcards saying "Don't you wish you were here? ) who spake thusly: "What nations or frica? Those socalled nations exist only as lines drawn on a map, in the imagination of a few power-hungry men in the larger African cities and in the befuddled minds of diplomats who don't know any hetter. Africa is, and probably will be for a long time to come, the home of a vast variety of tribes which knows not or cares not for "national boundaries". The only boundaries they know about are those between their territory and the territory of the next tribe over and those are rather fluid. Independence? That means only that the Europeans are no longer there to restrain them from slaughtering the game and each other. Nations? In the next century, perhaps, if they get lots of help--which they don't want. Thus spake Lee Hammer. I won't quibble. Ho's been there.
Tron me no Trons without a Dyna, Katz, you clown, or I'll tell

David Katz, no relation to arnold David Katz, that you put him in the

same category with Shaver.

Besides a dictionary and some corflu go

huy a drawing plate.

VAUX HAIL FANATIC (Johnson): There is no reason, Seth, why any potential candidate should wait until the official election call to announce his candidacy. I have already announced that I am a candidate for the 1965 Directorate which gives me a year for electioneering. (ATTENTION N' P.NS. Support one of your own. Vote for Tackett for the Directorato.)

Frankly, old boy, I don't care if I never pick up a subscriber through the clearing house. I have to make too many copies of this thing as it is.

all N'PANS: You have my full permission to reproduce the following in your zines for the next mailing and good ol' Fred Patten will give you full credit, won't you, Fred?:

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INTERIM (Irwin): As a SF fan I should think you would naturally want to completely ignore "My Favorite Martian". I watched one 15 minute segment of it and that was enough to convince me that any SF fan would disclaim all knowledge of it. Nothingsville, man.

"World of Giants" was originally telecast in 1960 or 1961 and has been hanging around as a syndicated show ever since. The effects used to indicate Hunter's size are quite good. Oh, come now, Mark, Mel Hunter should have a familiar ring to it; he's noted for his astronomical covers on F&SF among other things.

RACHE (Pelz): You mention that your bound collection of fanmags will go eventually to the Fantasy Foundation .... I thought the Fantasy Foundation was long dead. Elaborate, please. add me to your list of those who returned after a lengthy gafiation. I had no contact at all with fandom from the time I left Sam Francisco in early 1952 until I returned to the fold in 1960. Eight years, man.

NIEKAS 7 (Meskys and company): Verily an excellent magazine, Ed. Particularly since you now have Felice to correct your spelling.

Anderson's article (book review mostly?) is indeed something to chew on. Yes. Well now why is there such a continued preoccupation with Nazism? Because, perhaps, this was the ultimate embodiment of evil in our times and because it is so well documented.

Perhaps Hitler was no more bloody than Attila. Tamerlane built a chain of pyramids across Asia; pyramids made from the skulls of the people who lived in the cities he sacked. And there are many others in history. Way back in a rather sketchy history. Hitler was now -- in our time. We have the pictures, the documents, the testimony of witnesses, still living, who were there. Thus the preoccupation with Nazism. We know it for what it was -- and is.

The Communists probably have, over the past 35 years or so, committed atrocities as great or greater than those of the Nazis but, unlike the crimes of the Nazis, the actual proof is still buried deep in the Soviet. Thusly, it doesn't nave the impact of the exposed crines of the -- shall I write "Germans"? -- Nazis.

It is easy to assign the Nazi crimes to the Germans as a whole. After all, the Germans have some two thousand years of history working against them. I tell you this: that even now I trust the Russians more than I do the Germans. God help us all if they ever get nuclear weapons.

And I'm not being particularly anti-German (Oh no?). It's just that my history books indicate that every time Germany thinks she has the wherewithall to conquer Europe -- or the world -- she has a go at it. One would think they'd get tired of it after while.

Poul says ... I feel that even a nuclear war would not be too high a price to prevent a world victory of Communism". Better a dead world than a red world? (I don't hold that either is necessary. I think communism (with an upper-case "C" if you will) can be defeated without resort to all-out war. The communist utopia is, after all, so bloody dull. Unfortunately, the wheels of the capitalistic world seem to be so afraid of losing a dime--or a handy source of low-income labor -- they appear to be fair driving the rest of the world into the communist camp. How'd I get off on this?) Utter nonsense! A nuclear war is too high a price to pay for anything. In a conflict between the U.S. and the USSR there would be no such thing as a limited war. True, we all got to go sometime but it seems rather silly for all of us to go at the same time.

The rest of the mailing was noted but evokes no response. Sorry, chaps,

but you just don't motivate me.

Welcome to the N3F: R. Monroe Sneary, Harry Warner, and Buck Coulson.

The 19th mailing contained 223 pages. The 105th FAPA mailing contained 287 pages ... Bailes: "Hello. Is this one-one-one:" Katz: "No, this is eleven-eleven." Bailes: "On, I got the wrong number. Sorry I bothered you. Katz: 'That's OK. I had to get up to answer the phone anyway. Ugh. These have been comments on the 19th N'APA mailing by good ol' Roy (vote for me for Director) Tackett.

DYN TRON

Late in 1963 Richie Benyo sent me a contribution. It was a couple pages of ramblings touching on nothing in particular but in it he mentioned that he could always do a listing of Ace science-fiction if he ran out of anything else to write about. I rejected his natterings on the grounds that you get several pages of nothing in particular from me so that is more than enough of that sort of thing. Herewith for the benefit of collectors. indexers, and other sercon types, a rather interesting contribution from Richie Benyo. ROY TACKETT

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