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This is FANAC #4, published weekly by Ron Ellik and Terry Carr, 2315 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, California. News and contributions to defray expenses gladly received and put to good use.

BOB PAVLAT has come along with a "letter substitute substitute" called A FOGGY DAY, which makes pleasant, newsy reading. It contains, among other things, the news that the TAFT ballot will be printed any day now. Candidates will be Ron Bennett, John Berry, Dave Newman; and Bobbie Wild. Pavlat adds, "I peeked at the financial standing of TAFT, and found to no great surprise that money is needed. The voting fee is still 50¢; an additional 50¢ from every voter would probably be a big help. I'd like to see the jinx that TAFT works every other year broken, and that extra token contribution just might do it." To which we add our hearty agreement. Send your votes to Don Ford, Box 19-T, RR2, Wards Corner Road, Loveland, Ohio.

BILL ROTSLER writes, "Two TV shows are in the works...one with me drawing 5 times a week for 5 minutes and another another guy & I are 'packaging'... both may never sell, of course. Then there's the 15x30 & 7x40 foot sculpture I am supposed to start on soon, if all goes well. There's a campaign of Abney's in the fire, a mailing campaign. There's a possibility of doing more storey-boards for TV commercials plus setting up a free-lance advertising art agency with two friends. Busy bee me." Bill and his wife Abney will be moving at the end of this month, as soon as Bill recovers from his recent operation.

FMZ FOR SALE: Ah yes, scads and scads of fanzines for sale. Old ones (dating back to the late '30's), new ones, big ones, small ones...and a lot of mighty good ones, too. These are from the collections of Pete Graham, Bob Stewart, Don Wegars, and Terry Carr, and will be sold grab-bag fashion, 15 for \$1.00. No single-sheets will be counted, though they may be included. There is a stack of fmz here something like four or five feet high, just waiting to be bought. Send money to Terry Carr.

BILL REYNOLDS, seeing the note in FANAC #2 that "...if you wrote to (Reynolds) you could get him to do a column for your fanzine, if it is a good, decent fanzine with an audience which has broad mental horizons, and likes L. Frank Baum and steam engines," says, "I'm not that narrow minded: if you hate General Motors and dogs (especially boxers) I'll write columns." Bill is a former PSYCHOTIC columnist; address: P. O. Box 688, Hamilton AFB, California.

Anthony Boucher is taking a six-months vacation, and won't be in Berkeley to handle submissions to Fantasy & Science Fiction. It is suggested that aspiring authors send their manuscripts to the New York offices of F&SF.

ALONG WITH THIS ISSUE OF FANAC will be another issue of Dave Rike's RUR. Publication plans for FANAC, as stated in the colophon above, call for one issue every week. Dave's RUR will no doubt be mailed along with most every issue of FANAC. RUR will be a bit more on the commentary side than is FANAC.

--tgc

IF YOU CAN'T LICK 'EM--

GANG UP ON 'EM!!!

A letter from Nick and Noreen Falasca: "Thanks for the copies of FANAC. It keeps us up to date on what we're doing. Always a thrill to open FANAC and find out what new horror the Falascas are about to unleash on fandom. You people must have real good contacts, 'cause we don't know how the hell you find this stuff out. ##As for our proposed demolition of the WSFS, Inc....well--yes. Seriously, as for the news of our plans leaking out, it's quite all right. We've been having enough correspondence with Dietz to transmit our ideas pretty well. ##Whether or not the Society is abolished is going to depend on a hell of a lot of things--primarily, the support of THE MAJORITY of fans. The Falascas' two lousy votes aren't going to mean very much, by themselves. ##What we're trying to do is take it ((the WSFS Inc)) from the corner where it's been hiding so skillfully these many years and get it out where everyone can see it. All we really want to do is make everyone Science Fiction Society conscious, and make honest men of Dietz and Raybin. It looks as if they have taken on the sacred duty of policing fandom from itself, and we don't believe that fans need police. In the words of Bob Briney, 'I wish people who want to Run Things for Others would find another microcosm than s f on which to exercise thair "abilities:"' ##On another subject, you're so right about the Solacon's idea of names and addresses in the program book. If you think you don't want your address in, how do you think Willy Ley feels? The pros and a lot of the fans will not appreciate this at all."

((We remain staunch supporters of the DEATH TO THE WSFS Inc movement, working on the basic premise that it is unnecessary to fandom and to the annual world convention. --rde.))

A letter from Dick Lupoff: "As for the Falascas' project, three cheers, and if you know of any way in which I can support it, let me know, please. ##It seems that every couple of decades somebody decides to take over fandom and make it a personal tool for self-gratification of one sort or another. Whether it's the communists, the technocrats, the Gernsback crowd, or this WSFS group, they're dangerous. They have good appeals--everybody wants to "belong," to be part of a group, even a movement. People are great joiners...and fans in particular. And neofans in particularly particular, who go off into fandom to seek the Knights of the Ku Klux Klan with white robes and flamboyant titles, the Invincible Order of the Grand Cause, or the Rosicrucians AMORC (not a religious organization) or whatever. ##No, Ron, I don't think you can get anyone to dissolve the WSFS Inc; it's under tight control and they're not going to let loose one bit, don't you kid yourself. Further, they've got the support of SFTIMES, which is especially influential among neos and fringe-fans. If, by any slim hope, the real fans manage to get such a motion recognized at the con, no less passed, there's going to be one helluva fight. ##Yes, I'm for the motion. ##But a far better (i.e., more effective) move would be to start a fandom-wide movement to repudiate and boycott the WSFS Inc. ##Let no man and let no group set itself up and proclaim "I represent fandom, I speak for fandom, I am fandom." Fandom is and always must be a meeting place for autonomous minds, each with its own ideas and opinions, each free to speak with fully as much force and authority as the others, each speaking for itself and only as many others as may hold identical views and authorize the spokesman to so represent them. ##Wow, I made a speech. ##So much for now--the usual address will be good until March 27; after that, I'll repeat, please hold my FANACs and/or other stuff until I inform you of my new abode."

CONTACT, #1 fanewszone of the post-NYCon II era, published eight issues in rapid-fire succession, and was not heard from for over six months. A ninth came out, announcing a return to the previous twice-a-month schedule. This was one hell of a long time ago. Now the word is whispered in the corridors of fandom that Jan Jansen has finally given it up, and is returning subscriptions on a pro-rated basis. Of Jansen was it said when he started, "If anybody in the fan-field today can publish a twice-a-month newssheet for fans, Jansen is that person." I am sorry to find that CONTACT could not be made to work, but I am not sorry it was tried, nor am I sorry I subscribed.

—rde.

You a Captain Future fan? If not, skip the following--

A few weeks ago, I sent an order for a couple books to Gnome Press, and while I was about it, I dropped in a letter recommending a few books I'd like to see published. Among them was Captain Future, and the following is an extract from a letter Marty Greenberg sent back:

"We've been trying to get Cap Future for years. Pines, the publisher of the mag, has his own ideas of what he wants for the rights. Normally we could make a deal...however, the stories must be rewritten. Ed Hamilton has agreed to do them, but this means a double royalty and this we can't stand...Nevertheless, we may surprise you and get Captain Future."

So there. Me, I'd pay for a whole set of Cap Future books, to hardcover the fourteen novels from CF magazine plus the n'ets and short stories from STARTLING.

--Dick Lupoff, 15 Jan.

So there you have it--I'd like to see the books, too. What say we form a club for the purpose? We could call it WSFS Inc.-- "We'll See Future Stiffened!" That's a beautiful title--and the abbreviation has pleasant connotations.

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You there--you, the one with the beanie propellor. You wanna meet pros and fans and hucksters and bohemians and fake-fans and living legends and all sorts of people with beanie props just like yours? Is that your big wish, cousin? For four days of frolicsome fun and bodacious boozings, toss about two US type dollar bills towards

SOLACON--SOUTH GATE IN FIFTY EIGHT !!!

Rick Sneary, Treasurer
2962 Santa Ana Street
South Gate, California.

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A letter from John Trimble: "Got a letter of sorts from Bill Pearson today. He and Dan Adkins are both moving to N'yak! --So it looks as if they won't be at the SOLACON after all. (I still like SOUTHGATEIN'58CON better.) I shall be seeing Pearson either tomorrow or Sunday, and all shall be brot forth in much detail."

RON BENNETT FOR T A F F ! ! !

This issue of FANAC is being put together and mailed on Monday, March 17, 1958. On the subject of this doom-filled date, Eric Erickson of Canada says, in THE INNISH (October, 1957):

"Now about March 17th, 1958. By a combination of bluffs, threats, and demonstrations of their ability to lob nuclear ICBM's accurately onto any part of the world, Russia will back an American Communist and see him installed as the ruler of America.

"This Commie and his pals are going to be a ferocious and cruel pack and they're going to put down any opposition with a heavy hand."

It's seven pm now, and nothing's happened yet except that the US put up a second moon. I think you can relax now, Harry Warner.

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