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"Sleep? I can't bother with such trifles--I'm mathematically trying to figure out where the next focal point will come!"

JEAN LINARD writes to tell us that he'll be forcibly removed from the fan scene for at least six months. He's just undergone a serious operation and is relieved that he even came out of it. But he'll be convalescing for at least six months, unable even to sit up to type. So there will be absolutely no letters or fanzines coming from Vesoul until sometime next year. Anie has moved to the Riviera where she has a better job than she had in Vesoul. She'll rejoin Jean later. Meanwhile, any mail for her will be forwarded by Jean (24 Rue Petit, Vesoul, Hte. Sne., France). Mail addressed to both Jean and Anie will go to Jean and then he'll forward it.

Good heavens, Jean, get well!

TED WHITE announces semi-gafia. He says his time is now largely taken up making money writing for such zines as Playboy, Knave, Metro-nome and the like, and he simply won't have enough extra time to continue his recent hyperactivity in fandom. VOID 19 will be out in a couple of weeks, he says, and after that, "I shall not be doing any generalzine publishing--Sylvia will take over my end of VOID. I am considering vacating my FAPA membership entirely to Sylvia, and I'll remain active only in the Cult, probably." He says he'll continue to comment on fanzines he receives, "and maybe once in a while contributing." However, a letter from Ted written the day after the above quotes makes it seem possible that he won't be going too deep into gafia. We await developments.

SPEAKING OF FANS SELLING PRO, Walt Willis writes that he and Bob Shaw "have sold a short short to If. It's only a lousy Willis-type pun written up ('It's not good enough for an interlineation: let's make an article of it.'), but it's my first (and probably last) pro fiction sale, and Bob's first in America."

WAW also says that he's still at 170 Upper Newtownards Rd., "but have it up for sale again. 27 Clonlee Dr. will always find me." And, in a nearly-indecipherable written P.S., he says that Ella Parker has plans to reprint THE ENCHANTED DUPLICATOR, and that he considers that the piece is now "public fannish property". I guess he's referring to the fact that Les Gerber too is going to reprint it.

--tgc

DICK ENEY writes to say that "ASF has bought E. E. Smith's next novel, sight unseen." He also says that people interested in the projected WSFA stf-centered fanzine should write to him (417 Ft. Hunt Rd., Alexandria, Virginia). Plans for the first issue include a promise from Bob Pavlat to review Galaxy ("provided I can really tee off"), Bill Evans to view Weinlein's "Starship Soldier" with alarm, and Bob Christenberry to do ASF. Magnus has already done coverage on Fantastic Universe.

Eney is always a good source of news. He's even ferreted out the address to which fans should send money for Pittcon memberships: Dirce (Mrs. Arthur G. Archer, 1453 Barnsdale, Pittsburgh 17, Penna.) Price \$2 in the United States, \$1 for overseas fans.

A REVIVAL of the San Francisco fanclub, the Golden Gate Futurian Society, is currently underweigh. Two meetings have been held so far, with attendance from both sides of the bay. Fans seem to feel that a stf club is desirable in the area--the Little Men are still meeting, but have evolved away from science fiction to being simply a science fanclub. At the second meeting of the revived club, elections were held. Miriam Carr (who sparked and did most of the work on the revival) was elected Director, Ron Ellick Secretary-Treasurer, and Al Halevy Vice-Director. (Al is also current Chairman of the Little Men.) The name of the club (GGFS) will be changed, in all likelihood. Rumors that this club will bid against Seattle for the '61 worldcon are premature: before we even consider the question we've got to get reorganized strongly.

DON FRANSON writes, "I've been meaning to comment on FANAC ever since #42, which was dated 18 August and arrived 18 September; then when I got #43, dated 30 September and arrived 5 October, I thought I'd write and mention that the con report was later than SF TIMES', so howcum you win award? And then #44, dated 14 October, arrived 16 October before I did this, so I'd better write before the next 44 issues come all in one lump tomorrow."

That'll teach you to doubt us, sir!

RICH ELSBERRY says he is moving out here in December or January. He will be in the area next month house-hunting. Doesn't want any address circulated until he gets settled out here.

BILL MEYERS says it's okay now to announce that his fanzine SPECTRE has folded. We've known this for a couple months, as have many other fans, but it's been formally DNO. Last we heard, Bill was planning to print the letters of comment he got on the last issue in a last-gasp publication--we don't know if he still plans this. At any rate, it is definite that he's quitting fandom completely. "I'd like to warn people that I won't have a zine to trade for theirs any longer," he says. "I mean, I'm not interested in getting fmz anymore, and it's a waste of time on anyone's part to send me a copy of their zine."

A pity. SPECTRE was an excellent fanzine, and Meyers' editorials therein made some of the very best reading of the year.

NEW FRONTIERS, the vaguely semi-prozine to be published by Norman Metcalf (P.O.Box 35, Lowry FB, Colorado), should be out fairly soon. He says he just got the first half from the printers. The first issue will feature de Camp, Clifton, Robert Barbour Johnson, E. E. Evans, and Roy Hunt. I think the price will be 25¢.

(There. --Is that a better plug than I gave you in The Innish, Norm?)

--tgc

ART RAPP is still looking for the two missing Mergan Botts stories mentioned in the last ish of FANAC. Further, he has discovered that there are other MB stories he doesn't own, some of which he doesn't even know titles for. Wants anybody with info about this Botts fellow to write SFC Arthur H Rapp, RA 36886935, FB, 1st Msl Bn, 40th Artry, Fort Bliss, Texas; he and Nan Gerding are preparing an anthology of MB tales. ##Bill Danner says it wasn't him who printed "Lunatic Fringe," Art. He says it sounds like something he would like to publish, however.

DHOG #20-22 (Ted Pauls, 1448 Meridene Dr, Baltimore 12, Md). This is Pauls' rapid-fire fanzine (published weekly) with a limited circulation of 30. Interesting chatter, some nice artwork, and occasional newsnotes. He will probably send you a copy if you are a big enough name or if you have broad mental horizons.

ESFA is having trouble finding a meeting place; Mike Deckinger says it's possible the club might dissolve, but nothing has been decided yet. ##Alan Dodd wants to know if he enjoyed his visit to California, because he doesn't remember it. Yes, Al, you had a great time. You got drunk and wanted to put out a one-shot fanzine called GILA MONSTER and your drinking alone added ten feet to the Tower. Bob Lichtman still doesn't believe you were here. I think he's just jealous because you didn't get to LA. ##A/2c Ray Thompson is now living 30 miles from Dodd; wants to see fmz.

QUIXOTIC #3 and PSI PHI #4 (from Don Durward, 6033 Garth Ave, LA 56, and from Arv Underman & Bob Lichtman, 6137 South Croft Avenue, LA 56, California). QUIX is a great disappointment. It's shot through with bad typing--not typos, only--typos and bad typing--and the material is generally poor. I once said Leigh Brackett couldn't write space opera, and I feel almost as silly having to say that Harry Warner and Bob Bloch contributed 2nd-rate material to this issue of QUIX. LAFSF's outstanding material this quarter seems to've all ended up in PSI PHI. Nirenberg, Johnstone, and Moffatt showed up readable and enjoyable. Send Lichtman & Underman 50¢ for four issues, and send Durward a consoling letter.

SHELBY VICK was united in holy matrimony with Suzanne E. Ross (non-fanne) in Lynn Haven, Fla, on the 11th of October, reports Felice Rolfe. Mr&Mrs Vick can probably be reached at Box 493, Lynn Haven. ##Dean McLaughlin just put the finishing touches on a short novel, a sequel to THE MAN ON THE BOTTOM, and is casting about for a likely market. ##Sid Chapman has an article in next month's SCIENTIFIC AMERICAN; Alan E Nourse is featured in the 17 Oct SatEvePost--an article on the solitary General Practitioner, a biographical sketch, and photo. (thanks, Norm Metcalf.)

OOPSLA! #28-29 (Gregg Calkins, 1484 E 17th S, Salt Lake City 5, Utah; 4/50¢). Great cover by Atom, but it shouldn't've been used for both issues. Fanzine reviews by Warner bring my opinion of him back to where it should be--it's far more readable than his stuff in QUIXOTIC. He makes the point that there hasn't been a focal point in fandom in slightly over twenty years--which should discourage a whole hatful of Young Hopefuls. A lot of these two issues are taken up with discussion of science-fiction. Now, that's all very nice in its place, Gregg, but what has it got to do with fandom?

Write, dammit

End of subscription; time for honorable harikari

LAST MINUTE LAST PAGE STUFF: Felice Rolfe (3815 La Donna, Palo Alto, Calif), who sent us the news about ShelVick getting hitched, is still not delivered of her burden as of a phone call the afternoon of 28 Oct 59. She was due to bring forth a child yesterday, and we'd hoped to run a stop-duper on the event. ##Ted Cogswell gave the bridge away, say the recently-returned Andersons, and the newly-minted couple, Mr&Mrs G R Dickson, are expected in the Bay Area momentarily on their honeymoon. They expect to take in the LASFS Hallowe'en party, which is to be held this weekend at Al Lewis' home (706 San Lorenzo, Santa Monica Canyon, Santa Monica, Calif). BYOB and come prepared for anything). ##Bill Donaho is on his way westward, and will be in San Francisco before Thanksgiving. ##Bob Bloch is staying in Hollywood for a short time with ideas about staying there permanently. We understand his address is not to be noised around, but FANAC's spies are everywhere and anybody in LA who Bloch owes money can get his address if FANAC gets a cut of the swag.

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CLUB MEETINGS: The Elves, Gnomes & Little Men's Science Fiction, Chowder and Marching Society is holding a Hallowe'en party Friday, 30 Oct 59; their next regular meeting will be Friday the thirteenth of Nov; write to Liz Wilson, 1461 West 5th St, Livermore, Cal, for info. The revived Golden Gate Futurian Society will hold its next regular meeting Saturday night, 7 Nov 59, at the home of Wm Birdsell, 225 Moultrie, San Francisco. Phone T&MCarr, ATwater 2-4840 for information.

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