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FANAC #52



"It's from my agent--wants to know if I can knock out something for Analog on the lines of keen intelligent Hero putting one over on the dumb aliens with a Dowsing Rod."

This is the issue-before-the-second-anniversary-issue of fandom's oldest HUGO award-winning news and chatter-zine published by Terry Carr (1906 Grove Street, Berkeley 4) and Ron Ellick (Apt.#6, 1209 Francisco Street, Berkeley 9, Calif). Available for news and intelligent, pithy, deathless comment, but you can also send 25¢ for four issues, 50¢ for nine, or 2/- sterling for four issues to Archie Mercer, 434/4 Newark Rd, N. Hykeham, Lincoln, England. Deadline for the FANAC poll is day before yesterday, and the winner is --no, you'll have to see the FANNISH II for that information. Cartoon this issue by Arthur Thomson.

TAFF BALLOTS OUT: Enclosed with this issue of FANAC is a copy of the TransAtlantic Fan Fund voting form which we urge you to fill out and mail immediately. TAFF this year is a real rush job--ballots must be received by 15 June--and the real necessity is not so much in the voting as in the collecting of funds. Again, we remind you that it's more convenient to slip a dollar bill into an envelope than to fiddle around scotch-taping half-dollars to pieces of cardboard; TAFF needs all the money it can get, and it is the most worthwhile fan project in existence.

FANAC has its own idea of how you should vote, you brain-washed readers, you. We are against plumping for one candidate; we think you should fill out the form completely and vote for all three candidates in this order: 1) Mal Ashworth; 2) Eric Bentcliffe; 3) Sandy Sanderson.

If you are a new fan and are not sure the Administrators will recognize you, use FANAC as a recommendation if you were receiving it prior to November 1959. If you attended the Detroit World SF Convention, you qualify to vote and can use the name of any Detroit Committee member as recommendation, for they have your name on their membership list.

PRO NEWS: No, we're not shifting over to pro news, but we understand Otto Binder will be editing a magazine called SPACE WORLD, the first issue of which will be released this spring, and it will be published by Click Pub Co of NYC. ##L. Sprague de Camp will leave for Africa early next month, where he will familiarize himself with the environs of his next novel; the success of THE BRONZE GOD has convinced him that this is where his talents should be applied in the future. ##Ted Dikty and wife Judy May are tied-up with the USAF like DAWollheim, visiting bases and writing juvenile books about rockets, robots and things. Judy wrote seven books last year and is resting. ##Ted Dikty has a small firm in Chicago, designing books, bookjackets, etc., on a free-lance basis. Kelly Freas is working for him on book jackets. (Deckinger, Scithers, Tucker & Tucker resp sent the above; tnx all.)

GEO W PRICE married non-fan Lou Ann McElroy at Christ Church in Gary, Indiana, on the 6th of February, reports Best Man Earl Kemp. Chi-fans who turned out included Gail Zettell, Ann Dinkleman, Rick Prairie, Mike Teller, Jim O'Meara, and Indianapolis Martha & Henry Beck.

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STF WRITER CHAM DAVIS, after a six-year long court battle, reported on February 1 to the federal prison at Milan, Michigan to serve a six-month sentence for contempt of Congress. Davis was charged with contempt six years ago after refusing to answer questions asked by the House Un-American Activities Committee. An instructor at the University of Michigan at the time, he sought protection under the First Amendment.

"The questions I refused to answer fell into three groups," Davis said. "About my own political beliefs and those of others who were at Harvard while I was a student there after the war, and questions about the authorship of a pamphlet criticizing the committee itself which was published at Ann Arbor, Mich."

Davis regards this case as his means of fighting what he terms an "invasion of rights. "No one should be forced by any Congressional committee to disclose ideas or to testify his allegiance. My purpose in starting this case was to try to get free of that monstrosity, the committee," Davis said. He apparently got some support from the local (Providence, R.I.) press: a cartoon on the editorial page of the Providence Sunday Journal depicted him being pushed into jail while a fat pig-like creature, labeled "The Committee," gloated.

Thanks to Marty Fleischman for sending us the clipping on this.

"Z," OUR BRITISH SPY, reports that the price of hotel rooms for this year's British Convention is being gasped at--it's pretty steep for British type pockets or fan standards. And there are hotels in the same area that have lower prices and would do just as well for a Con ...so goes the talk.

"Z" also reports that Jim Cawthorn is talking of moving to London, that George Locke will probably be going into the Air Force soon, John Berry is sweating out his promotion to detective Sergeant, Sandy Sanderson has gotten a movie camera and will soon be shooting film, and also may be showing some films from the states to the Science Fiction Club of London, Brian Burgess has threatened to join OMPA, and OMPA is taking it bravely.

THAT TED PAULS POLTERGEIST CASE we reported on last issue is already being referred to as a "famous" one, or at least that's what a report on an interview with Dr. Nandor Fodor published in the Cincinnati Enquirer (and sent to us by Don Ford) said.

THE FUTURIANS of New York have revamped somewhat, reports Ted White. Meetings will henceforth be held regularly every first and third Saturday afternoons of each month, at the apartment of Tom Condit. The club is still an informal discussion club, but there is some talk of producing tape plays and such.

Ted also asks us to note that he's not nearly so upset or angry about this year's short TAFE-nomination period as we made him sound a couple issues back. Okay, you wishywashy ole Ted White you.

THE LATEST YANDRO (the 7th annish) has Juanita Coulson wondering why FANAC so seldom reports on parties outside the California area. Well, fact is that as regards parties and such we feel it's up to every area to do its own reporting, mostly; FANAC therefore concentrates on Calif. activities socially. And speaking of which, a delegation from Berkeley (Bill Donaho and Dan Curran and Jim Caughran and Miri & me) met Dick and Pat Ellington in Seattle last week and spent a highly enjoyable four days partying and meeting people; we even got to attend a Nameless meeting. Our special thanks to the Busbys for hospitality beyond the call of duty.

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A WELCOME ELLINGTONS! PARTY was thrown at Donaho&Curran's place on 12 February; Berkeley fandom turned out en masse, attendees being the Ellingtons, of course (Dick, Pat, and almost-2-yr-old Marie Louise), Joe & Robbie Gibson, Rog & Honey Graham, Jim Caughran, Ron Ellik, Donaho & Curran, Karen Anderson, Liz Wilson, Al Graham, Phil Mellman, Dave Rike, Jerry & Margie Lewis, and many others--including five surprise guests: Rick Sheary, Forry and Wendy Ackerman, and Dave & Ruth Kyle. It developed that the Kyles hope to move to Santa Barbara next year.

I regret to say that I was ~~XXXXXX/XX/XX~~ having such a good time that the only quote I remember was one of my own: shortly after Tom Lehrer's "We Will All Go Together When We Go" finished playing I walked up to Forry and told him that song really revived my sense of wonder.

Oh well.

ANOTHER PARTY, this time a Farewell-ShearyAckermans-Kyles party, was thrown at Rog & Honey Graham's home the next night. The list of attendees was about what you might expect (except that Alan Dodd wasn't there), and the party was such a success that the visitors held up their leavetaking till the next morning rather than leaving around 10:00 that evening as planned. Discussions and conversations centered around travelling and toilet facilities en route, animal husbandry and human husbandry (Ruth Kyle: "Here's 45¢ for the next Fannish--I still have to get a husband from my nickel"), the Chan Davis case reported on pg 2 of this issue, and even science fiction --Rog was bragging because his story "The yellow pill" made this year's Merrill anthology. Congratulations, Rog.

MARTY JUKOVSKY is now married and has moved to the Bay Area. If we get many more New Yorkers out here we're gonna have to change the name to New York Annex or something.

And speaking of New Yorkers marrying, Andy Weiss writes to report that on Jan. 18 David MacDonald married Judith Paige Hoffman. Congratulations, all.

HER FIRST EGOBOO: I forgot to mention last issue that Astrid Anderson helped with the stamping of FANAC #50. And while we're on the subject, let's note that F51 was assembled, stamped and addressed with much help from both Miriam Carr and Karen Anderson.

This and future FANACS will be assembled, stamped and addressed by ghod-knows-who-all at a Fanacon held at the Donaho&Curran manse.

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RAY NELSON (Makeveien 48, Ulvoya, Oslo, Norway) will pay two dollars each for copies of the Fr-Engl first issue of "Science-Fiction International", the official organ of the SF Club de Paris, which was banned from the mails by the French Govnt. 15 or 20 were mailed out before the ban, and Nelson lent his last copy to somebody who went gaffa with the zinc. ##A/2c R M Thompson, Box 14, 6950th RGM, APO 193, New York, NY, wants to do fanzine reviews for somebody. Ray used to publish ECLIPSE and, later, BIBBILTY. Write him if you need a good column. ##Here's another change of address, then we'll quit until the Annish: A/2c Norman Metcalf, editor of NEW FRONTIERS, is temporarily c/o General Delivery, Tyndall AFB, Florida.

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After the 2nd Annish, we're cutting our mailing list again; if you don't want to be cut, write or send money or send a fanzine or nominate us for a Hugo. This is your last issue; nice to have known you.

BURBEE says we forgot to write up the New Year's Eve party at his place (the insurgent party, that is) but it's just part of our policy to mention less West Coast parties in these everlovin' pages; perhaps we'll break down enough to mention that it was a blinding flash and a deafening report in the social world, and things like that should happen to everybody, especially with Isabel's cooking. ##YANDRO #84 (Buck & Juanita Coulson, Route 3, Wabash, Indiana; 15¢ or 12/\$1.50) is entering the seventh year of publication with a 46-page issue containing material by Mez Bradley, Ted White, Don Franson and -- yes, it says Menasha Duane. The artwork folio contains some excellent mimeographed art by Barr, Bjo, Barbi Johnson, Adkins and Prosser, which star in about that order; I like large sections of art in fan-zines... ##but not as much art as there is in the current (tenth) issue of INNUENDO (available from the BNF sitting across the table from me, at 1906 Grove Street, Berkeley 4, Calif, for 30¢). This is a 94-page third anniversary, superbly mimeographed with (as I implied above) too much artwork; but still some excellent material, including an hilarious screen-treatment of THE RAYBIN STORY by Willis, and a penetrating analysis of Moskowitz' IMMORTAL STORM by Harry Warner Jr. ##Don Durward (6033 Garth Ave, Los Angeles 56, Calif) has turned FANAC completist and needs copies of issues 1-8, 14, and 40, and various riders. Will pay a price. ##And Peter F. Skeberdis (FBox 21, Big Rapids, Mich) is interested in obtaining any pre-57 fuz and will pay postage or nominal sums. . ##The Philadelphia group is planning to charter a bus to travel to Pittsburgh this Labor Day, and if enough reservations can be definitely arranged, they might even start from NYC. No price has been set yet, but \$20 is the lowest they can quote as an estimate. Write to Harriett Kolchak, 2194 Brandywine Street, Philadelphia 30, Pennsylvania, for information and reservations. ##Lyle Amlin (Box 215, Dixon, Calif) is back in the ampubbing field with PSI, the title he used in 1955 when he lived in Hemet, Calif. He features "little magazine" type prose and poetry by Noah W. McLeod and Orma McCormick, among others who would be recognized by sfen; price is 15¢, 6/\$1. ##Progress Report #1 is now in the mails to all members of the 18th World SF Convention, and Dyrce Archer is asking for ads and information and membership fees for the 2nd issue. Send yr \$2 memship to PittCon Committee (make checks payable to P. Schuyler Miller), c/o 1453 Barnsdale Street, Pittsburgh 17, Pa.

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