



"I don't care what FANAC says--I won't believe it till I read it in S-F TIMES!"

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#### G. M. CARR APOLOGIZES

G. M. Carr has written to F. M. Busby and Walt Willis apologizing for her "gross transgressions of good taste, logic and justice" against them and other fans.

Letters from Busby and Willis arrived today. Buz included a photocopy of G. M.'s letter to him, from which we quote:

"The mass reaction against me by fandom has (I think) brought me to my senses. It's not right for me to try to fight fandom; it never did anything to me...I don't suppose you or Walt (or anybody) will believe that I've decided to change my attitude overnight, but all I ask for is a chance to prove myself."

Both Buz and Walt expressed the hope and tentative belief that G. M. is on the level. Buz says, "She's not an idiot. And while she's done some pretty nasty things, I'm sure she wouldn't go so far as to pull off a stunt like this. So I'm taking her apology at face value until she gives us reason to think otherwise...I'd begun to hope that something like this was going to happen when G. M. signed the petition to save Elmer Perdue's FAPA membership when Elinor brought it to her."

Walt says, "By now it doesn't make very much difference--I'm not about to join FAPA again anyway--but I'm glad to hear that she won't be attacking anyone else. I tend to believe that she's sincere."

We of FANAC are glad if our campaign to boycott G. M. helped her realize just what fandom is and what it will stand for. We thank all of you who joined in the campaign, and we declare it to be closed. We too believe that G. M. has Seen The Light. Thank Ghod!

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THIS ISSUE OF FANAC is being printed ahead of schedule to get the GMC news out while it's hot, but there's already another piece of spot one news. In the same airletter mentioning his letter from G. M., Walt Willis mentioned that he'd gotten an airletter from John W. Campbell, Jr.--the John W. Campbell, Jr.--requesting a monthly "Fanorama" column for ANALOG SCIENCE FACT FICTION. Walt says, "Of course, I was only kidding about in in my letter to CRY when NEBULA folded, but someone showed JWC the CRY and he thought it might be a good idea to get the fans back on his side." I hope he doesn't regard it as another crackpot fringe appeal. Anyway, I've told him yes and the first column will be published three months from now."

With the folding of NEW WORLDS, fandom was left once again without prozine representation, and it looked as if that were the way it would be, since none of the remaining prozines had shown any interest in a fandom column. We're surprised that Campbell has decided to run one, but you won't hear us complaining!

NEWFAN LARRY PRUSAK (1580 President St., Brooklyn 13, N. Y.) is starting a fanzine devoted to the works of Richard S. Shaver. "It will be called THE CAVEMEN and will feature such items as reports from the leader of each dero colony, a regular column by Shaver himself, articles and stories by fellow Shaver fans and deros, and a column of personals through which Shaver magazines can be bought sold or exchanged." Sounds like a good idea to us. Maybe some of you out there can help out with material or advice. Larry mentions no date, frequency or price, but you can always drop him a card for further info.

NEWFAN WALTER BREEN who put out a postmailing to the 50th SAPS mailing which we found quite impressive, was arrested for possession of pornography in a series of arrests which had begun three months ago with the arrest of Calvin Thomas Beck. A report that the pornography referred to was the FANNISH II has not yet been confirmed by our reporter, Andy Reiss.

LARS BOURNE SAYS that on a recent trip he was introduced to both Boyd Raeburn and Les Nirenberg on separate occasions, and "Les appeared to be Boyd in disguise. I can't be sure, but I think it was just Boyd with some padding, lifts in his shoes, glasses and some minor facial alterations. You can't convince me there's a Leslie Nirenberg." We dunno; who's hoaxing who? Are you on the level, Lars?

NO TIME FOR A HOBGOBLIN this time, but I want to mention a few outstanding fanzines which have arrived in the past week. Biggest surprise was SICK ELEPHANT #12, which was not only a fanzine for once but a good one. Featured are good material from Wells, Gerber, Coulson, Dodd and Berry, and artwork by Reiss, ATom, Bjo and Adkins. ##CPY #138 is only 74 pages long. It features the concluding 48 pages of "The Goon Goes West," another "Return of the Plow" column by F. M. Busby, my column, an article by Dean Grennell, a fan story by Walt Willis, and fifteen pages of letters. A below-average CRY. ##VOID #21 is highlighted by a long article by Chris Moskowitz on "How I Was Cured of my Peyote Addiction." Other material is also funny.

--tgc



ANOTHER PARTY WAS HELD last night at the home of Terry and Miriam Carr. Present were Rog & Honey Graham, Dick & Pat Ellington, Joe & Roberta Gibson, Dave Rike, Phil Mellman, Jim Caughran, Ron Ellik, Alan Dodd, Art & Trina Castillo, Claude Degler, Forrest J Ackerman, Bjo, Ray Nelson and three members of the Berkeley Police Dept. who showed up near the end of the party. A fine time was had by all—with much drinking of bheer, rhoot bheer, nuclear fizzes and even some blog, snogging en masse, playing of jazz records and general noisemaking—until Berkeley's finest showed up around 1:00 A. M. It seems they were looking for a marijuana party which they had been informed would be going on in the area, and the noise brought them. It took almost half an hour to convince them that there was nothing worse than blog in the house. When they were finally convinced, two of them left, but the third stayed for kicks. Nobody minded; he wasn't a bad guy at all. But he accidentally took a sip of blog, and since he was a nonfan, it killed him almost instantly. It took an hour to dispose of the body, and almost ruined the whole evening.

GEORGE LOCKE HAS killed himself, says our George Locke spy George Locke. He then goes on to amend that to he lost his right big toenail while visiting Ron Bennett when an elephant stepped on his foot. Aw, so what? Serves you right for being so damn clumsy, George. For all I care your whole foot could drop off.

THE APA CORNER: The latest N'APA mailing contained two TAFF ballots, superbly stencilled and mimeographed on paper which was obviously selected by someone with impeccable taste. It's a fine, original, fannish and constructive idea, and I congratulate the publisher. ##Burnett R. Toskey reports that the 51st SAPS mailing, which won't be mailed until April 15, already is over 500 pages long with only half of the members so far represented. Usually, at least half of an APA mailing arrives in the two weeks before it goes out, and it seems likely that the 51st mailing will be close to or over 1000 pages. Toskey himself expects to have a larger zine than Bruce Pelz's record 102-page SPELEOBEM in the 49th mailing. Aargh!

AT ANOTHER PARTY just after the last FANAC, Al Ashley made a surprise appearance, and he called me a bastard, much to Miriam Carr's delight. Unfortunately, he meant it seriously, and after calling me a bastard he punched me in the mouth, also to Miri's delight.

THINGS ARE PICKING UP with Will Rotsler, fanartist's fanartist. He recently had a one-man show of pastels on a neighborhood sidewalk. He sold some stuff, too, and the city is repaving tomorrow.

REMEMBER WHEN YOU VOTE for TAFF that FANAC is against voting only for first place. We think you should vote for all three, in this order:  
1) Mal Ashworth; 2) Mal Ashworth; 3) Mal Ashworth.

CHANGES OF ADDRESS are rather skimpy this issue, since it's only been a week since the last one, and that gives me room to wonder why so many fans are always changing their addresses every few months. Why can't you people be nice and stable like Terry and me?

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