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### DISCLAVE REPORT

by Bob Pavlat

May 21-22 was the weekend of the 1960 Disclave, where present at various times were Hal Lynch, George Heap, Will Jenkins, Harriet Kolchak, Walter Breen, Ted & Sylvia White, Phyllis Bill & Betty Ann Berg, Ted Pauls, Don Grayson, Mike Becker, Don Studebaker, Bob & Billie Madle, Chick Derry, Sandra Caton, Joe Vallin, myself, and various others.

Talk, drinks, fun, and fine Italian food on Saturday evening. Two calls during the evening--one from Berkeley fandom and one from the Kyles. Dick Eney, by an undscribable display of technique, managed to crack the rigid requirements for membership in the Society of American Girl Watchers and Lechers (SAGWAL), a feat previously performed by Bennett. Eney was admitted to membership late not because he'd previously been unqualified, but because he performed his feats with such amazing suavity that they were undetected. We saw his performance this time, and he has now been branded.

Tradition was not to be denied. The swimming pool was closed, making this the third year in a row that a swimming pool was available to us but unusable for one reason or another. If suitable facilities can be found, maybe next year we'll be able to hold a full shindig again with room for all who can come--motel construction in the area (Washington DC) is continuing rapidly, and some are becoming conscious of the convention trade.

--rkp

LOCAL SQUIRREL MAKES GOOD: Ron Ellik, gay young rodent-about-town, has been chosen by The Greater Kickapoo Valley Animal Lovers and Protection Association and the Jubilee College Toledo Mudhens Will Never Die Society, as well as the Olney White Squirrel League, as The Squirrel of the Year. Plato Jones, acting for the above-mentioned societies, has sent to Mr. Ellik the Red Squirrel Trophy as a token of his achievement. Mr. Ellik is the first squirrel to be so honored.

FRONTAGE: Don Wegars, former Berkeley fan, once publisher of the popular fmz FOG, will be editor of the U. of California humor magazine The Pelican for the fall 1960 semester. # Maybe we should make this a regular column: Don and Mary Wilson will be moving to the Bay Area this September. # Marion Bradley (Box 158, Rochester, Texas) will publish something like a 50-page BEST OF MEZRAB, a collection of stuff from that long-gone fanzine of hers and hubby's, this summer. It will go through FAPA; non-Faps who are curious can have copies for 50¢. # Algis Budrys (631 2 Ave., Long Branch, NY) is pubbing a fmz called dubious; anybody who'd like a copy should write and ask, like. # Current visitors to the Bay Area are Lee and Jane Jacobs, on a delayed honeymoon. Real nice having 'em here.

--tgc



NEW YORK -- the Futurians, anyway -- held a picnic 15May60 at a park under the George Washington Bridge, which started out fine but was interrupted by a juvenile gang ("The Cavaliers") who were looking for a rumble. They retired to Martha Atkins' pad & published a one-shot. ##I wish the Golden Gate Futurian Society, when they were called The Golden Gate Trolls, had thought of meeting under a bridge.

ARTY FELLERS: The embryonic fan-art society being organized by Bjo (980 $\frac{1}{2}$  White Knoll Dr, Los Angeles 12, Cal) will produce, as its first function, the Art Show at the Fbgh Convention this upcoming Labor Day. Write to Bjo if you want info, or if you want to join. There will be a prize awarded by public vote to a fanartist; and much of the art will be up for sale. ##Write to Dirce Archer, 1453 Barnsdale, Pittsburgh 17, Penna, and send \$2 to join the con & receive publicity & such.

TRIODE 18 and SPACE DIVERSIONS 11 are out from Bentcliffe & Shorrocks, respectively, and are the last issues of each of these fanzines. They will merge in the immediate future, and the efforts of the two editors will be combined in the production of BASTION (The Mentholated Fanzine!). Sub rates will be 1/6 each, four for 5/-, or six for one dollar from Dale Smith, 3001 Kyle Ave, Minneapolis 22, Minn. The British address is Eric Bentcliffe, 47 Alldis St, Great Moor, Stockport, Cheshire.

PEEK! said Churchy La Femme, "I sees yo' glottis." Margaret Curtis writes to say, after Rotsler's cartoon in our letter-of-commentzine (circulated a couple issues ago) that Pogo didn't say it, Churchy did, and that's how he said it. Like that. Thankee kindly, ma'am, & we'll be more careful.

ROBERT BRANDORF, reports Alan Dodd, died 6May60 from haemorrhage of the brain. He was one of the best known members of Swedish fandom in the art field, second only to Bo Stenfors; published an art fanzine, SPICA, hand-colored individually. He was 23, and died peacefully. Funeral was 16May, and virtually all the Swedish circle are in deep mourning for him.

THE MIND THING, by Fred Brown, which had one chapter published in Fantastic Universe, will be published in a complete pb edition by Bantam this fall. ##Hannes Bok has re-written several old short stories of his that didn't sell first time, & has submitted several to several magazines. He has some articles coming up in Ray Palmer's occult magazine, SEARCH. All this damn pro news is from M. Deckinger; trnx.

TWIG #18 (Guy Terwilliger, Route #4, Boise, Idaho; 20¢ each, 5/\$1) arrived today, looking pretty good after a long absence. Book reviews by Dick & Pat Lupoff, fiction by Ted White & Karen Anderson (the Pokas discover fandom), an article by Harry Warner about how he used to be a hermit in a small town, before fandom discovered how to get to Hagerstown, and some letters & lots of fanzine reviews. ##Reminds me to put in here another plug for the 13th annual West Coast Science Fiction Conference, to be held in Boise, Idaho, 2-3-4 July. Write to Terwilliger for information; registration fee is \$1. The affair'll be at the Owyhee Motel, Boise

PARTY? Last issue was dated after it was typed and published (FANAC is topical!) and the news about the surprise party for Nelson(s) was mis-dated by saying "tomorrow" when we meant tomorrow from when we were typing. Brian Donahue seems to have been somewhat confused... He writes to Sid Rogers, "I get a letter from you saying that last Saturday night there was a party for Ray Nelson. Then with your letter I get the latest FANAC. It sez there will be a party for Ray Nelson on May 20. I'm getting confused. I read on thru and backpage sez there will be a surprise party on May 16, but postmarked on May 18 and today is May 19. So when is this party I ask myself. Then I remember... April 23rd Terry and Miri had a party for Ray Nelson. So I said to myself the party was either on April 23, May 13, May 17, 19 or 20th. I'm confused." So are we. It was a good party, tho, Brian, whenever it was; too bad you couldn't make it up; or did you?

EUROTOPIA Convention to be held in Vienna, Austria, 13-14-15 August. Write to Dieter Braeg, Wien IV, Schönburgstrasse 32/35, Austria, for info.

--rde.



Walt Willis  
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"IN ALL THE DEBATE over defence and the calm consideration of mass annihilation, I wonder if anyone has pondered this proposition: a single concerted attack has reduced population areas in the US to rubble, and fallout and drifting radiation are wiping out the rest of the country. The decision facing the survivors is whether the undamaged ICBMs should be activated in retaliation. And why?" Thus Richard Bergeron, making a welcome return with a fine fanzine called WARHOON.

But during his gafia Dick seems to have forgotten that this identical proposition was pondered and answered by Theodore Sturgeon as far back as 1947, in his moving and thoughtful "Thunder and Roses". His answers were "No" and "In the interests of humanity," and they seem to me the right ones.

But it's only too obvious that an equally prominent author would fall over himself to get at those ICBM firing buttons. It's curious that the sf field should be able to produce a writer like Sturgeon with enough understanding to see clearly that the only future for humanity or intelligent life lies in cooperation, as all worthwhile progress has since man became a social animal; and also one who sees no future for us but as anti-social animals and no progress but in more efficient killing, like Heinlein. It's not often one sees so clearly exemplified the dual principles of love and hate...or good and evil.

WHAT WITH "STARSHIP SOLDIER" and the unspeakable nausea induced by reading part of Leinster's "Attention Saint Patrick" in ASF, I turned away retching from science fiction and haven't been able to return to it since, so the rest of this column will be social notes. First, a piece of bad news for everyone who likes George Charters, which means everyone who knows him. This oldest member of Irish Fandom, whose youthfulness and health became an inverted fannish legend, sent word that he was ill with suspected angina. Alarmed, Irish Fandom went en masse to his Bangor home in Ian McAulay's car and found him as cheerful as ever but anxiously awaiting an electro-cardiograph and bemoaning the strict regimen his doctor had prescribed. "He's putting me on a food-free diet," he complained.

On the credit side, Bob Shaw is now comfortably installed not only in a new house (26 Beechgrove Gardens, Belfast 6) but in a new and congenial job, having finally made the transfer from draughtsmanship to publicity, with his own typewriter, secretary and duplicating department. He hasn't yet dared to say "Take a fanzine," as Koenig used to do, but the other day he phoned the firm's private cinema and ordered a film showing. Sitting alone in a cinema watching a film being projected for you alone gives you an intoxicating sense of power, he reports. The new job means a more arty type of colleague, Bob also found, and the other day one of them asked him his opinion of an avant-garde artist of whom Bob had never heard. Thinking fast, he said weightily: "I am not interested so much in him as an individual, but as the representative of a trend." Satisfied, the questioner nodded wisely and returned to his work. I offer this as an all-purpose reply worthy to rank with Arthur Clarke's "That is a local problem; we are concerned with the overall situation."

There will be great comings and goings in Ireland this summer. In late June James & Peggy White will be holidaying near Dublin, meeting local fans Ian McAulay & Johnny Hautz, and being joined in their last weekend by Madeleine and me, there to see the Canada Cup golf and make the largest fan gathering ever to take place in Southern Ireland. James has already written his report of it, in case he doesn't have time afterwards, and to forestall John Berry.

Then in July the Willis family will be having their holidays in Portballintrae, a town already known to the sf world by being featured in James White's Ace novel "The Secret Visitors" (parts of which were extracted from his Beacon Report in HYPHEN 4). Ken, Pamela and little Debbie Bulmer will be staying with us and we'll



be joined for a few days by Dublin fandom and as many of IF as can get away. All this will climax in the event of the year in August, when Andy Young will visit on his way back from an astronomical convention in Holland.

**COVER RAGE** The cover picture of the FANNISH II, showing Trina Castillo wearing a helicopter beanie and a copy of the FANCYCLOPEDIA II (closed) is the first original idea in fanzine covers since WILD HAIR and will no doubt start a trend in other fanpublishing groups which contain decorative femfans. I'm sure Bjo won't let San Francisco fandom put one over on Sh'la, and we can confidently expect an end to the incessant complaints about the covers of FEMIZINE. Thank goodness it's not still being published by Joan Carr.

**SPACE DIVERSIONS** (Shorrock, 2 Arnot Way, Higher Bebington, Wirral, Cheshire, England) is out at last with Terry Carr's South Gate Report. (That was in 1958, you remember.) In some ways I think this is the best conreport ever written. For one thing, it has dialogue, which most reports sadly lack. And what dialogue!

--waw

SODACON II will be held in Rochester, Texas; about July 11, just after the Boycon. Write to Marion Bradley (Box 158, Rochester) for info. ##LASFS has voted to withdraw their support, as a club, for San Diego's bid for the 1961 Westercon, reports "X", but they don't seem to want to commit themselves to supporting anyone else. With Dago being inactive of late, it looks like the Bay Area is a shoo-in. ##"X" has moved & we'll probably have a new spy next issue. Since I'll be in Long Beach all summer, maybe I can be the spy if "X Prime" refuses. ##LASFS is going to have an Interplanetary game going during a Hobby Show somewhere in LA over the 3-14th June fortnight upcoming. ##METROFEN #4 (Les Gerber, 201 Linden Blvd, Bklyn 26, NY; 10¢, 3/25¢) appeared today, marked "Contents: 'Ah, Sweet Idiocy' (expurgated edition)" with humorous material scattered about. Lots of reprinted material, by Willis, dag, Berry, etc.

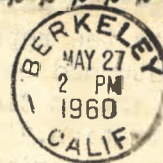
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