

THE FANOCLAST WEEKLY #2
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RICH BROWN

DEAD

SPECIAL TO THE FANOCLAST WEEKLY: Earlier this week I was extremely saddened to learn that Rich Brown died in a fire in a lower east side building. At first I could not believe that Rich Brown was dead. Even after the above headline was stenciled, I could not bring myself to believe he was Gone, so I called up Mike McInerney. After speaking to Mike about the news, rich himself got on the phone and told me that if something was printed in THE FANOCLAST WEEKLY it was the truth. I turned from the phone and read the first part of this stencil. So now I must recognise that that great little guy is dead.

COULDN'T BELIEVE NEWS

When I first heard the news, several thought raced through my mind; "It can't be true", "What am I going to use to fill the space in EXCALIBUR that he was supposed to write something to fill?", and "Oh boy, I'm now #3 on the SAPS w!" We'll sure miss Rich, but not by much.

RICH BROWN SHALL RISE AGAIN.....DETAILS NEXT WEEK

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I had an interesting experience last Sunday. I woke up in the morning (which is interesting in itself) and decided that since it was the first Sunday in the month, I would go to ESFA meeting in ~~Amixotic~~ exotic Newark, New Jersey. After about two hours of traveling I arrived at the YMCA where the fabulous ESFA meets. The board on which the day's events were listed didn't say anything about an ESFA meeting, and the guy at the desk didn't know about it either. This didn't bother me at all since the YMCA has never bothered to make things simple for ESFA. I sat down on one of their redecorated chairs, and I began to wait for the usual early arrivals. About three o'clock I began to get a little worried as not one fan had shown. I called McInerney from Newark to ask him if the meeting had been canceled. Mike was out, or so rich informed me, so I asked him if he knew if there was a meeting. He sounded terrible and claimed he had a sore throat, so he must not have been thinking too well when he told me there was a

meeting. I don't blame rich at all. Considering that he had died in a fire two days before (the radio said Richard Brown had died in a lower east side building, and since I have heard rich call himself "the one and only rich brown" I must conclude that it was he,) he did very well to even answer the phone at all. On the strength of this call, I hung around for another hour. Just before I left, I went down to the room usually used by the ESFA and saw a bunch of women setting up huge platters of food. Instantly I realized this was not ESFA, they had chosen a deceased man to be guest of honor at the Open Meeting in order to save the expense of his diner, and rushed down to catch a bus for New York.

As long as I was in the city, I decided to call Dick Lupoff to see if I could come over and ~~bring him~~ give him my fanzine. We talked for a couple of hours, and he showed me a fanzine he put out called Xero. I offered several suggestions for improvement, and he seemed to take them with good grace. Pat and Dick seem to be very nice people beneath their veneer of fannishness, but they aren't quite as good BNFs as Bruce and Dian Pelz. I think they would do well to follow the example of the Pelzes who are good BNFs, not in the sense of slavishly imitating their shticks, but in the sense of following the example of good BNFs.

Sometimes it hard to keep up with the news of New York fandom, especially when everything is DNQed. Things are getting so bad that I can see the following situation taking place.....

AtheK: How are you, rich?"

rb: I'm dead, DNQ.

AtheK: Gee, that's too bad, DNQ.

rb: DNQ on my DNQ

AtheK: DNQ on my DNQ on your DNQ.

rb: DNQ on my DNQ of your DNQ on my DNQ.

AtheK: Let's form a secret apa. DNQ

rb: But if it's DNQ, who can we ask.

Seriously, among other news is that Ted is not running for TAFF after all. Terry Carr is. I think Ted would have been a great TAFF man, and we certainly would have gotten a great TAFF report from him, but Terry is also a good man, and he would be a great choice to send to England. So let's send a Carr by Plane!!

Contrary to Dave Van Arnam's report in the last FIRST DRAFT, "Voyage To The Bottom Of The Sea" will be seen on TV as a series. TV Guide informs that it will go on this fall. The same company is also preparing a series based on "The Lost World" for '65.

For those who don't believe in the studious reading of colophons, this zine is produced in part for the very first APA F mailing. For information, ask your local secret apa snob.

Last meeting I also found out that MINAC is folding. I think it's a shame because MINAC was a good zine and the best of the small frequent fanzines. Ted is going to be doing a new zine with rich brown and Any Main, so it's not all that bad for us white fans. Er, that's fans of whit, down CORE.

See you all next week.

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