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Published for the 21st Distribution of APA L, 11 March 1965, by Bruce Pelz, who hasn't had the time to do another episode of "Dunce Upon A Mattress" this week, and is wondering what he is going to write about.

SO WE WENT TO BERKELEY last weekend -- 20 from the LArea (including Len Moffatt and June Konigsberg, and Fritz Leiber), and 6 from the San Diego group. The Theatre Party for the Lamplighters' production of "The Gondoliers" numbered 114, and included, among the BArea fans and their friends, a couple pairs of old FSS members -- Jim and Joyce Quigg have been at other parties in the BArea this past year, but Blair Jarrett and his wife are newcomers to the fan scene in Berkeley. (Dian and I met Blair in January 63, before he got married, when we dropped in on him in Berkeley. We hadn't seen him since.) Small world department seems to be working overtime.

The trip up in Al Lewis's Econoline was enjoyable. With Fred Patten, Sylvia Dees, Steve Tolliver, Dian, and myself there, we had a Braggame going most of the time (since there weren't enough Bourre players). We even got Jay Freeman into the game, eventually. Al drove the entire way up, stopping in Taft for breakfast around 9AM. Dian and I, who were not very hungry, decided to explore the town instead of eating. The liquor store had no miniatures at all, but a Thrift Shop provided a couple patterns to be added to Dian's collection of out-of-date but

eminently useful patterns.

We also stopped at the San Martin winery, and I picked up a duplicate set of the Castlewood miniatures for one of my co-workers at the UCLA Engineering Library, Miriam Brownstein. I also got her a miniature of the Mokka Lau -- and discovered that they had a new bottle and label for the thing. So I got a copy of the 2d edition for my own collection.

The production of "Gondoliers" was excellent -- better than the 1962 D'Oyly Carte one, as far as I am concerned. The party afterward was crowded and disorganized: Originally announced as being at Tony Boucher's, the party was shifted to Brannon's, a bar in Berkeley where the Little Men meet. Eventually, after several hours, when Brannon's closed, the party did go to Boucher's -- where it was still crowded. The double shift was designed to weed out a lot of the local fringers, so that the Boucher home would accomodate the party. However, the communication in Berkeley Fandom leaves something to be desired, and a number of people we wanted to talk to weren't told of the shift to Brannon's. Especially Ruth Berman and her brother Sam -- who, with about a dozen or so others, waited around Tony's for an hour or so and finally went home.

I am also a bit curious as to what happened to the party goods which were to have been bought with the extra 25¢ of the \$1.50 charged for the show, since the Theatre charge was only \$1.25. Boucher had a kitty for the drinks, and there wasn't enough of anything else to account for \$3, let alone \$30. Something got fouled up again, I guess.

We didn't stay too long at Bouchers', as we were almost dead on our feet by this time -- it being about 22 hours since we got up. So we went back to the Rolfes' and took up all their floor space with sleeping

bags until almost noon.

On the way back, we exchanged Freeman for Fred Hollander, added Jack Harness, and taught Steve and Sylvia to play Bourree. This got Jack home about 4 hours earlier than would have been possible with his original ride, as Ted, Owen, and Don Simpson had spent the night at Dean Dickensheet's, and were to pick Jack up at 4PM. However, it also got him back considerably broker, too, as he and Fred Hollander were the

heavy losers. We arrived back at the unusually early hour of 8PM.

All in all, the trip was very enjoyable. There is one more suggestion I would make, however, for future outings: make sure ahead of time about eating arrangements at your destination. The Rolfes, I was told, were going to send out to a nearby restaurant for Greek dinners at about \$2 per person. I assumed this was an individual thing, and that those of us who were on limited funds could stay out of the deal and get something either earlier or later. But it turned out that it was a Mass Meal sort of thing, including a huge Turkey, which they had already obtained and paid for by the time I made any mention of dinner. I feel obligated under such circumstances, but in addition to being limited in funds, I don't like the Greek stuff anyway. We compromised: Dian ate the dinner, I got something after the show; and I wrote a check for the \$2. A little more planning -- on my part, and on the organizers' -- would ensure that funds come out right for all concerned, without social difficulties.

I took the San Martin miniatures in to Miriam Monday, hoping to trade for others I don't have. But she said she didn't have much in the way of duplicates, and would rather buy the ones I brought. I said okay. Tuesday she brought in and gave me, gratis, a miniature of Van Beveren's Brasilia Cafe (a Dutch coffee wine).

DIRECT CURRENTS

TOM GILBERT: There will be as many more installments of "Dunce" as there were songs in the original. Lessee... about 11, assuming I can parody "Minstrel, Jester & I," which involves pantomime.

I included the ice cream ad to annoy you, of course. Here, have

another one. They put out a new one each month ...

I hadn't thought of putting a notice in RATATOSK that you are the

one to contact about APA L. Hmm....

I assume that, should the Lupoffs send you an issue of OPO with no margins, you would save one copy before tossing it in the wastebasket. How about saving two? (I agree about leaving it out of the mailing, of course. How about making it an Inclusion?)

The problem of Thursday night meetings has come up time and again in the past. And time and again it has been pointed out that a Friday night meeting interferes with people's weekends -- and most of the membership are not of the Hard Core that would come to the meeting No Matter When It Is Held, like you...or me.

I think that DIE, HOLLANDER is a better title for Fred H. than DER, HOLLANDER. After all, how does one go about "der"-ing? Of course,

adding "!" would improve the title.

Drawing the line at one piece of juvenility after taking part in another? Well, it seems a bit like splitting hairs. Even joining the MMMS is a bit juvenile, y'know....

I'd help you carve that rabbit, but I don't want to split hares....bep

The Directory: Next time try last name first, and indent when a second line is needed for a name. Meskys's LRL address wasn't for general publication, last I heard. Besides, it has changed. Only one "r" in "Stanbery." But anyway, thanks for getting the thing done -- it has been far too long since the last one. Now, how about that APA L index?

DAVE VAN ARNAM: The only solution to Closed Door Parties at cons is (1) an Open Party financed by the con committee in a Huge room, or (2) smaller cons so more groups can afford the money and space to hold open parties, such as I hope to find at SYRACUSE IN 1966!!!!



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This A FANZINE FOR TOM GILBERT #1, and is a Purposeless Press Presentation. Received, this note was, in the mail Monday afternoon, with a postmark from Trenton, New Jersey. Dorf, where have you been? It is herein included especially to make Tom Gilbert wonder why.

Dian Pelz, 1231 12th St. #G, Santa Monica, Calif.
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