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DISE: Nargo's 1972 annual conference will be held at Albury in association with a mini-convention.

It was held in the first half of next June. This will be the first time the conference has been held in a premises other than the Nargo Hotel. The decision was made by Mr. John Wood, general manager of the Nargo Hotel, Albury, who is in charge of the mini-convention.

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We are going to be involved in changes of scales and that type of thing, but other than that you are going to sell a packet of sugar that is going to be measured in grams instead of ounces, which is the old way.

It is going to be very heavy than anything we've got individually. We will start to get some real money stuff in about January or February next year, he said.

I know it has always been that way, but in the future it is going to be a hell of a lot to be a member of the Nargo Association. It is a hell of a lot to be a member of the Nargo Association.

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CONFORMING to local custom, it was coats off for delegates at Nargo's annual conference, held this year at Surfurs Paradise. From L. to R. (outer) Messrs. I. Adams (Vic.), J. Bangsund (Nargo), D. McConnell, V. Dowell and A. Lusted (N.S.W.), J. Rudge (Uncle Ben's), A. Winfield (W.A.), D. Gregory and T. Pantan (Tas.), A. Haupt, P. Swaman and J. W. Butler (S.A.) and in centre J. Wood and D. Parkhill (Vic.), D. Mack, B. Browning and R. Watt (Qld.).

Contribution from States

SURFERS PARADISE: State associations will contribute funds to ensure there is no lessening of Nargo activity in the coming year.

This was a unanimous decision by delegates to the 1971 annual conference held this month. Nargo's annual budget is \$20,000 and to avoid any possibility of increased running costs and reduced revenue from other sources, the delegates decided that contributions will be made by each State in proportion to the number of members.

The contributions will be treated as part repay ment of loan funds listed in the balance sheet by each State. This method of financing next year's operations was suggested by N.S.W. as an alternative to a proposed

rate of 40 cents a head immediately and 33 cents by March 1.

In the election of officers, Mr. Ron Lovell, president of the Queensland Retail Traders Association, was elected president of Nargo for a second year. Mr. Peter Reaman, president of the Retail Storekeepers' Association of South Australia, was elected vice-president.

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It might have been worse. It might have been all 30-odd pages of the Minutes Of The Annual General Meeting Of Nougat Australia Pty Limited/Federal Conference Of The Notional Agglomeration Of Ribald Groopers Of Australia - my last publication for that worthy organization, and the authentic cover of which forms half of my contribution this mailing. (The fine print might just bear deciphering by the way. I hope no-one in the association bothers to read it until I'm safely employed by someone else.)

In this (what has turned out to be) non-issue of PhiloGas I should really have regaled you with a brilliant account of my northern expedition. I started thinking about doing just that, and decided it would be much more fun to use the trip as a basis for a story - an intendedly funny story in the best Australian fannish tradition, libelling my gracious hosts mercilessly, ensuring my place on the annual Anzapa Egoboo Ballot as an humourist and foregoing forever any chance of being invited back by those gracious hosts.

But the more I thought about it, the drunker I became. Not only that - I mean, I seem to need half a litre of passable dry red to even type at all these days, let alone think - but I became so carried away with a Grand Plan for a New Australian Fannish Mythology that I have gone to the lengths (not to mention breadtnswidthnsdeptnsheightnsic) of discussing the Idea with P. Stevens and R. Johnson, whose knowledge, inventiveness, experience, typing paper is to be clearly called for if I am to bring off this Great Scheme. Paul, I fear, while more than suitably enthusiastic, seems to regard The Project as a kind of Ring of the Nibelungs of Australian fandom. Robin just hiccuped politely, as becomes a gentleman (not to mention scholar).

So, this time around, all you get, dear Anzapa members and others, is this space-wasting twaddle. To those members and others who provided me with such a relaxing/stimulating time in Brisbane and Sydney - Jan & John Ryan, Lyn & Gary Mason, Lyn & Bob Smith, Frank Bryning, Dennis Stocks, Ron Clarke, Shayne McCormack, Neil, Michael and Petr, Roy and a those nice folk at Glebe - I add a very sincere Thank You.

ps: I'm really going to miss this Fortigraph thing!

JLB