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FINAL CHAPTER: SECTION 2

"Levy!" cried Nell, happily. "I was afraid you were not coming after all, comrade. What kept you so long?"

He kissed her hand Frenchly. "Please accept my humble apologies. But now I am arrived, so we shall speak of other things, yes?" ...

THE FUTURIANS GO TO WORK

With the launching of the Futurian Federation of the World, under the able guidance of present President F. Gregorius Kohl, particulars are in the "Futurian Review", the 1st issue of which is probably in your hands by now. Said Review appears bi-weekly, circulated among members only, & promises to be the fan-news, comment, & semi-literary publication. We hear that all the leading fanmags have stated their approval of & pledged support to this new venture.

"Dr Wilson & I are both 100% for the new Federation" said Nell. "We think its pretty slick. But don't let it slip away from you."

WE LEARN WITH JOY

That New Wandon members all over the world support the present government of the USA (the New Deal, in other words, & President Roosevelt etc) according to the decree publicized in Fantasy News. With so many Hitlerites & demagogues within our borders & in our high places, it is quite cheering to learn that worldwide Newfandomites support US democracy. Bravo Messers Sykora, Taurasi, & Moskowitz.

BUT ... THE ANFUL TRUTH

Is that, by official decree, Newfandomites are against any and all "isms". Which puts them in an embarrassingly amusing light to say the least. Because "ism" is no more than a prefix meaning "the belief in". Therefore, Newfandomites, having gone on records as anti all "isms", cannot believe in anything whatsoever. They cannot even believe in nothing because that would be nihilism.

INFLUX

New Worlds Vol 1 # 2 Very neatly mimeographed, well-drawn cover, generally pleasing appearance. The content is interesting and of good range in variety. Small number of pages regrettable.

Spaceways Vol 1 # 5 A nice mimeo job, with agreeable cover. Much larger range of variety this time. Worth any fan's 10¢.

Futurian Review Vol 1 # 1 Already mentioned above.

Le Vainqueur Vol 2 # 10 Most work on page 1 quite poor. On other pages all right. Nice cut by Marcquette on heading. Simplified spelling & nonstop paragraphing. Opinion divided: we leave it to you.

CHUCKLE CHUCKLE DEPARTMENT

In an article in the current Spaceways, Moskowitz wonders if some fans are not trying to belittle him. Migawd: is such a thing as the belittlement of Moskowitz possible?

FLASHES FROM EVERYWHERE

Louis Russell Chauvenet has quit stf for good, he says. Reason: the plunge into escapism on the part of Astounding, which, he felt, was ye last outpost in this country. Wrote a farewell letter to Campbell, and isn't going to buy the issue in which it appears, if, of course, it is published. ... Holtheim, Michel, & Wilson will have started on their pilgrimage by now. ... Latest fans to join the Futurian Society of New York are Robert J. Thompson & David Charney. At the meeting of April 22 at which your columnist gaveled, Fohl resigned from the Exco. Committee & Member-at-Large Wilson automatically moved into his place, whereupon Stanislaus Prosody, otherwise known as the inimitable Kornbluth, was then made new Member-at-Large. ... Marvel Science Stories will probably return to their 1st policy of "spicy" stf. The reason is that they lost a lot of circulation by going orthodox. We may see nudes on stf covers yet begad. ... Ye Olds Books Collector recently, out of a clear sky, picked up a copy of Clark Ashton Smith's "Dark Wanderer & Other Poems" for the amazing sum of 15¢. As well as finding at very low rates Charles L. Fort's: "Book of the Damned" & "How Lands". ... G. L. Moore will soon make a lovely California again with her presence. Aside to the LA fans: O lucky people. ... In your columnist's opinion, the notions of James V. Taurasi despite his declarations of passionate regard for our democratic form of government, show a very strong liking for the government of Messar A. Hitler or B. Mussolini. ... At a recent Futurian meeting, yr. columnist debated with Author Asimov on the subject: "Resolved There is Too Much Sex in stf", he taking the affirmative. We succeeded in convincing our audience that the reverse is true. ... Michel's poem "For a City Slave" finally appeared in the April issue of "Man" with impressive cut for the heading as promised by Editor Graham. ... "Little Lefty" in the Daily Worker, is still associated with Jitterbug, the Sea Serpent. The lads have taught J. to speak most fluent English & we learn now that the non-ster is a lady seaserpent with hubby & children. Delicious and bitter satire flows between the lines of this comic, fully worthy of a Stanton Arkher Coblenz. ... John A. Bristol is mastering the none-too-easy art of the hecto and may publish various and sundry bits any day now.

PAPA MANS

Walter A. Marcquette's recent official decision will make it possible for those who have held office before to run again without unfair discrimination and still not violate the proviso which declares no member may be elected to any office (or rather to the same office) more than once in five years. Election lineups are now beginning to manifest themselves. For President we have Milton A. Rothman, against whom will probably run Daniel McPhail and James V. Taurasi. For Vice President there are Fred Fohl and Walter E. Marcquette, so far. Olm W. Wiggins is out for Secretary-Treasurer while no one, so far, has intimated his or her candidacy for the toughest job of all (the one where the officer really works) the official Editorship. ... Latest celebrity to join the organization is Harry Warner.

"Is this goodbye, Levy?" asked Nell.

"Not quite yet" he replied. "Jack Speer & I will both be in to see you soon, on what you might call a double-feature."

Doc Lowndes