SPELEOBEM 18.1

SAPS election time is here again, and it behooves the incumbent to do a little — very little campaigning. This will be the only decimal SPELEOBEM of the campaign unless something needs answering.

I again stress the fact that I want the office of Official Editor during the coming year, and that SAPS will probably be much better off financially if I am re-elected. In fact, I have every intention of issuing a dividend (cash) in July if the expenses and income continue as they have the past year. If Doreen can do this -- or if my administration has not been satisfactory -- go vote for her.

I have a postcard from Buz: "Thinking of doing some 1957-type campaign-lit for my townswoman, just for the hell of it. Let me know: do you think the oldtime Devore stuff, transposed like "Bring the Treasury North before Pelz goes South with it!" could be used in SAPS today without too many idiots taking it seriously on either side? I mean, I'd like to clown it up, but not if it would mean a lot of ill feeling and misunderstanding."

As far as I can tell, there would probably be several of the newer members who might misunderstand the 1957-style stuff, but this ought to clear the way for any such campaigning that anyone wants to do (assuming it hasn't spiked the guns to start with).

Howard, will you act as my campaign manager, please?

As for the Pillar Poll, it should be noted that the prohibition on self-votes and other-half votes does not apply to the OElection, and the Webberts are certainly eligible to vote for Doreen for OE. I have every intention of voting for myself, I can assure you.

Norm Metcalf originally set up the poll, and gave me the copy for it at the Berkeley New Year's party -- at which time I was in no condition to read and comment on it. When I fished it out the day before deadline, it was too late to write Norm and ask for changes, and I couldn't reach him by phone. So I put in the same type of poll that was used last year, with only two minor changes.

As originally set up, Norm wanted the poll to include a large amount of points (280 for mailing comments, if I remember correctly), and demanded that any vote for articles, fiction, etc. include zine and page citation. This, I decided rather late in the game, was unfair to the members who cannot get at their back files — Rapp, Hannifen, and probably others — as well as taking the fun out of voting the poll (enough people have found it a drudgery as it is. So Norm was stuck with the job of Teller for a poll radically changed from the one he set up. I hope he will act in the position, but if he resigns, I shall have to appoint someone else. Ed Meskys, will you stand by?

Members are requested to beware of any bogus campaign literature, if the 1957-type campaign is waged. All of my stuff (if there is any more, which I doubt) will be in this type-face if dittoed or mimeod. I have no intention of sending out bogus stuff in Doreen's name (where would I get the litho?) so things shouldn't get too rough.

I stand on my record -- and place my trust in your own self-interest.

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