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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

THREE EMERGENCIES confronted the NFFF last week, and, indeed, threatened its very existence. One was brand new - War. One was just developing - a lack of response among the member ship to the announcement of the first 25¢ percapita tax. The third had been acute for some time, and had become extremely menacing - the absence of a dependable and punctual official bulletin. This issue of BONFIRE is designed to deal with and counteract each emergency, and to do so, it has been brought out with considerable haste. Such refinements as even edges, absence of typographical errors, uniformity of type-faces, etc., are therefore lacking, but this will be remedied in the future, and, in any case, is not particularly important now.

WAR: With the United States at war with Japan, Germany, and Italy, the future is uncertain; none can say what it will bring. If we are worth calling Americans at all, we must support our country to the best of our abilities; fan activities are of extremely minor importance, for there is none of us but realizes that in the event of an Axis victory, there would be no freedom of any kind in the world that would follow - and certainly no fandom! But, if all this is granted, does it follow that we should now abandon all our fan activities? Not so. The human brain can stand just so much of one topic to the exclusion of everything else - then it rebels. In the days to come, as in the past there will still be need of relaxation and amusement - something to take our minds off the pressing necessities of our daily lives, and the grim spectacle of a world at war across five continents and the seven seas. That is where fandom and our fan activities come in. Many of us may have less time to spare for fandom, but what remains will be even more valuable. In this respect we have before us the example of British fandom, which has survived the Blitz and all other horrors of war we have not even begun to encounter yet. We, too, will survive. If we have faith that America and the British Empire will emerge on the winning side of this war, then we must believe that there will be a possible future in which free men may live

IN (oops) peace. And there is no reason why fandom may not occupy its own small niche in such a future, as it has in the darker and more troubled past. We may, then, work towards such an end with clear consciences.

TAX: Owing to the haste with which this issue of BONFIRE was prepared, stencilled, and mimeographed, no time was available in which to secure a formal report from the Sec.-Treas. In a letter dated Dec. 4th, however, Elmer Perdue informed me that the treasury contained just \$2, only 8 members having sent in their 25¢ tax at that time. Allowing for the laggards who just had not gotten around to it by then, it becomes apparent that a great number of our members seem to doubt whether membership in the NFFF is worth 25¢. Indeed, since they have received little news of the activity of the NFFF, this is not hard to understand. This issue of BONFIRE, therefore, has been devoted to explaining in as much detail as possible what the NFFF is doing, and hopes to do in the near and distant future, for the benefit of fandom. Elsewhere in this issue I am printing a brief reminder of the tax, for the benefit of those who have not yet sent it in. It is my hope that if these hesitant members will read this issue carefully, noting in particular the reports of the various committee chairmen, they will no longer have any doubts about the worth of membership in the NFFF. There is ample evidence presented here of the energy and activity of the various officers, and I feel hopeful that the membership will stand behind the NFFF and support it in every way possible.

BONFIRE: The first issue of BONFIRE was issued by Harry Warner from copy supplied him by Art Widner; as far as I know, they bore the cost of this issue between them. Following the elections, I desired to have the second BONFIRE issued by Sept. 15, and asked Bob Studley if he felt in a position to fulfill the then duties of the Vice Presidential office in so far as issuing BONFIRE went. He replied that he thought he could get BONFIRE out within two weeks of receiving the material, so I mailed him the material about the first of September. Bob did cut the stencils for the issue, but was never able to persuade the Futurians to do the mimeographing for him, and he had no mimeograph of his own. Sept. 15 came and went; so did Oct. 15. Finally, on Nov. 3 I paid a visit to the Futurians in New York, and secured the stencils Studley had cut; but two weeks later Studley finally got out a hektographed edition of BONFIRE #2. We must realize the Studley worked under difficulties, and was inexperienced, but it is undeniable that the hektographing of that issue is quite poor. This was doubly unfortunate. Also, it has since appeared that a full edition may not have been run off, for several members have reported non-receipt of that issue.

IN VIEW OF ALL THESE FACTS, I dispatched a communique to the Advisory Board, asking for a decision regarding the editorship of BONFIRE, and also for suggested changes in the Constitution. The decision of the Board is reflected in the revision of the duties of the Vice President as defined by the Constitution presented elsewhere in this issue. Studley, as incumbent Vice President, is therefore no longer editor of BONFIRE, but has been assigned other duties. With the approval of the Advisory Board, I intend shortly to name the Official Editor whose duty it will be to bring out future issues of BONFIRE, and I believe that the choice will give us a complete and sat-

satisfactory solution of the BONFIRE problem. Meanwhile, Art Widner and I are putting this particular issue out by ourselves, as an emergency measure to ensure the appearance of #3 BONFIRE before Christmas. The next issue will be sent out by the new Official Editor around the middle of February.

WITH THIS ISSUE of BONFIRE is being mailed a set of questions from which the Advisory Board will eventually select those to form the entrance exam. All of the members are asked to co-operate by answering as many of the questions as they can and returning the questionnaire to the Chairman of the Advisory Board. Incidentally, this is as good a place as any to point out that the present Constitution permits other fanzines, announcements, etc., to be mailed out with BONFIRE (Article VI, Sec.F), under certain conditions. Members who would like to issue small publications discussing topics of interest to other members, criticizing the officers in constructive fashion, etc., are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. The appointment of the Official Editor will be made before January 1st, and I will be glad to answer all requests for his name and address.

AT THIS TIME I am calling a special election on the Constitution, which will become official only if it receives a majority vote of the membership. The ballot accompanies the magazine and questionnaire. Please note that it is to be returned to Milton Rothman, together with the questionnaire. This is merely a temporary arrangement for convenience; I shortly expect to be able to appoint a permanent poll-gatherer (see Plancom report, Idea #5). Also, it might be as well to point out that a great deal of work has gone into rewriting the Constitution, based on the experience of the several officers with the way the previous Constitution has been working in practice. If you approve in general, except for one or two sections, I would suggest that you vote to accept the Constitution, and then propose amendments to correct any weaknesses you have noticed. As you need only four other signatures to give your amendment a place on the annual election ballot, the amendment process operates with a minimum of red tape.

--- Louis Russell Chauvenet,
President. Dec. 14, 1941

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A N N O U N C E M E N T

In the second issue of BONFIRE a tax of 25¢ on each member was announced, for the purpose of raising funds to finance BONFIRE, pay for mimeoing official forms, etc.

Will all those members who have not yet remitted this tax to Sec-Treas. Elmer Perdue, 1218 South Cedar Street, Casper, Wyoming, please read this issue of BONFIRE carefully to see what they are getting for their money, and then send Perdue the 25¢ tax? I thank you all.

-- L.R.Chauvenot, President

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

TO THE PRESIDENT AND MEMBERS OF THE NFFF:

Your Chairman and the members of this Committee have been working very hard to prepare a program of worthy and needful activities for the guidance and consideration of the NFFF and its affiliated members. It is also for Fan-clubs, State and Sectional Federations to use as a guide to their activities. It is hoped that we can have a United Fandom, all working on these various projects. There have been, so far, nearly twenty ideas suggested, of which four have already been unanimously accepted by the committee, and are being forwarded to the President and members of the Advisory Board of the NFFF, for their consideration. Immediately upon their acceptance by these officials, they will be promptly put into action. There are half a dozen more suggestions that are almost ready for the same procedure, needing only a little ironing out of kinks to make them acceptable.

Your Committee feels that they are accomplishing something really of worth in all this activity. They are very proud of the part they have in such a Fan project. The letters which your Chairman receives are all highly enthusiastic. Without exception, the members are putting in long and conscientious hours working on the various submitted plans, and thinking up new ideas for presentation. One has only to see the growing file of correspondence to realize this. Indeed, even your Chairman has been amazed at the way three, four, and five-page letters come rolling in concerning the various facets of this work. Such letters take time to write, even without the added hours of careful consideration and thought behind them, which there has assuredly been.

As reprinted in BONFIRE #2, your Chairman sent a long letter to each committee member, outlining in a very broad manner some of the things he thought they might take up and consider. Less than a week after sending out that letter, the deluge of answers started rolling in, and has continued unabated ever since. A member will write a long letter concerning points brought up, and then a few days later along will come another letter from the same member, bringing out more points he has since thought out. Your Chairman answers, and that brings back more mail, and so it goes. And out of it comes a lot of fine ideas and plans growing into proposed activities.

Among the ideas submitted and considered are the following:

IDEA #1. For the formation of a Welcoming Committee, to select from the Letters to the Editors in the Proazines each month, several names of letter writers who are not known to be fans, and who seem to have the stuff in them of which fans can be made. Then to welcome them officially to Fandom, help them

get acclimated, and so on. Passed Unanimously, and on its way to the Advisory Board for action.

IDEA #2. Concerning a concerted effort to aid the Pros to increase their circulation, and to co-operate with them in every possible way. Present vote 5 to 4 in favor, and still under consideration.

IDEA #3. For a complete History of Fandom. Carried unanimously, and on its way to the Advisory Board.

IDEA #4. Concerning a Fan Annual, sponsored by NFFF, with pictures, autobiographies, etc. Carried unanimously, and on its way.

IDEA #5. For the handling of Official Polls, and the designation of an official Poll Gatherer (Widner, of course.) Present vote 8 to 1 in favor, and now being polished up with a few amendments.

IDEA #6. For the formation of a Readers' Bureau to advise which stories in the pros are worth reading. Present vote 6 to 3 against, and so dropped from consideration.

IDEA #7. Concerning a new method of choosing the next convention city each year. Present vote, 8 to 1 for, and a few rough spots being ironed out and amendments considered before presenting it to the Board.

IDEA #8. A Fan Supply Bureau, for Fanzine materials. Present vote 4 yes; 2 No; 3 Doubtful. Still under consideration.

IDEA #9. Trying to stress to prozine readers the necessity of better Letters to the Editors, with "reasons" for our likes and dislikes. The vote about even, and matter still under consideration.

IDEA #10. The matter of official stationery. Still being worked on.

IDEA #11. The matter of Annual Awards. Unanimous agreement, but the details are still being worked out, and will be presented to the Board very shortly. This is a continuation and enlargement of the awards made personally by Walt Daugherty at the Denvention.

IDEA #12. Concerning more and better publicity for Fandom. 8 to 1 in favor at present, with more ideas coming in that must be tabulated and worked into the complete plan.

IDEA #13; IDEA #14. Two aspects of the matter of subdividing the various sections of the country into Sectional Federations, which will have under them State Federations, under which will be ~~the~~ Fan Clubs --all to be sponsored by the NFFF when officially recognized. This is one of the newest ideas handed in, and still under consideration and deliberation.

All members of the NFFF are urged to send us any ideas they may have which they believe our committee should consider, for this is, we know full well, a project that requires a lot of thought and planning by everyone interested in the future of fandom -- and that means all of us.

LONG RANGE PLANNING COMMITTEE, NFFF,

D. Brazier -- J. J. Fortier -- A. L. Widner, jr. -- H. Jenkins --
M. C. Gray -- D. B. Thompson -- J. Unger -- D. Tarr--
MEMBERS

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★ WAR OR NO WAR — ★
★ "THUMBS UP" AND "CARRY ON!" ★
★ IN 1942 ★
★ COME TO THE PACIFIC OIL! ★
(DON'T FORGET THE BOSKONE
ON WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY!)

REPORT OF THE NFFF ADVISORY BOARD

Although to outward appearances the NFFF may have seemed dormant, there has actually been going on a goodly amount of activity among the officers, and it is the purpose of this issue of BONFIRE to dissipate the bad impression that has been produced. The following things have been done by the Advisory Board since its election:

Formulation of procedure for acceptance of new members, and mimeographing of NFFF Form #1, Request for Approval of Membership Application. Upon fulfillment of preliminary membership qualifications by new member, a copy of this form, containing description of qualifications, is sent to each member of the Advisory Board, who returns it to the Chairman with his vote. Thereupon the prospective member, the secretary, and the president are informed of the result.

Preparation of trial entrance exam. This exam, which is being distributed with this issue of Bonfire, is compiled from questions submitted by all the Board members, and from it, by more or less scientific standardization procedures, will be chosen the questions to be used in the entrance exam for new members.

Participation in the composition of a new Constitution which is now to be voted upon.

Removal of Bob Studley from the position of Editor of Bonfire.

Acceptance of the following new members: (The numbers in parenthesis indicate the vote of the Advisory Board. The chairman's vote is not included except in the case of a tie.)

- 63. Franklyn Brady 140 S. Maple Drive, Beverly Hills, Calif. (4-0)
- 64. Charles Massion 38 S. 4th E, Salt Lake City, Utah. (3-0)
- 65. Leonard J. Moffat, 419 Summit Ave., Ellwood City Pa. (3-1)
- 66. John M. Cunningham, 2050 Gilbert St. Beaumont, Texas (4-0)
- 67. Morojo, Bx. 6475 Met. Sta. Los A. Calif. (4-0)
- 68. J. M. Rosenblum, 4 Grange Terrace, Leeds 7, England (3-1)

The Advisory Board wished to say to all members: In order that the NFFF shall not become a bureaucracy of officials running the club and members receiving the official organ to see what is going on, each member should find for himself a committee or activity and participate in it to the fullest extent possible, so that he may really consider himself a part of the organization.

Submitted,

Hilton. A. Rothman,
CHAIRMAN

THE CONSTITUTION OF THE NFFF

Article I. Name The name of this organization shall be the National Fantasy Fan Federation.

Article II. Purpose. The purpose of the NFFF shall be:

A. To unite all local and solitary fans into a single organization capable of making single decisions representative of the majority.

B. To prevent confusion and misunderstandings among fans, and to prevent local groups or cliques from exerting disproportionate influence on fandom.

C. To sponsor and help finance worthy fan projects with the exception of subscription fanzines, or any projects not wholly amateur in intent.

D. To better conditions with fandom and the sf and fantasy field, by speaking approval or disapproval of outstanding conditions in a strong and united voice.

E. To provide an efficient administration of this federation, based on the democratic theory of self-government.

F. To encourage and promote the growth of local clubs and sectional federations, and to co-operate with and assist the said organizations whenever possible.

G. To formulate and put into effect all possible activities of present and future benefit to fandom.

Article III. Membership

A. The Advisory Board of the NFFF shall pass upon all applications for membership, which should be submitted to the Chairman.

B. In order to be eligible for membership, the applicant must be able to meet any two of the following 3 requirements.

1. Give proof of activity in the fan field, such as literary, artistic, or other journalistic work, attendance of conventions, active membership in fan organizations recognized by the NFFF, etc. Further definition of activity shall be left to the discretion of the Advisory Board.

2. Secure the recommendation in writing of three incumbent members, residing in any three states.

3. Pass an examination testing the prospective member's knowledge of science or fantasy fiction, and fandom. The grading of these tests and determination of the passing mark shall be left to the Advisory Board. (Art. VI, D)

Article IV. Finances. Funds sufficient to pay the routine expenses of the NFFF, such as the issuance of the official bulletin, mimeographing examinations and forms, etc., shall be raised by taxation, as follows:

A. A tax shall be levied at need upon the publication of fanzines by members of the NFFF. The amount of this tax and the extent of its application shall be determined by the Finance Committee. (Art VI, E.)

B. A tax shall be levied at need upon contributions, literary, artistic, or other, to fanzines by members of the NFFF. The amount of this tax and the extent of its application shall be determined by the Finance Committee.

C. A per capita tax shall be levied at need upon the general membership of the NFFF. The amount of this tax shall be determined by the finance committee.

D. Taxes shall become effective when recommended by the Finance Committee, approved by a majority of the Advisory Board, and proclaimed by the President in the official bulletin.

Article V. Officers.

A. The elective officers of the NFFF shall be: President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer, and an Advisory Board of five. In each case the term of office shall be one year; incoming officers shall assume their duties one week after the polls are closed.

B. The appointive officers of the NFFF shall include: The Chairman of the Long Range Planning committee, and not more than twelve nor less than four additional members of the same; the Chairman of the Finance committee, and not more than four nor less than two additional members of the same; the Chairman of the Advisory Board, to be appointed from the five duly elected members of the same; the Official Editor, and such assistants as may be deemed necessary; and any additional officials who may be required to perform the work of the NFFF.

C. Appointive officers shall be appointed by the President, and with the exception of the official editor their terms of office shall be co-terminous with his. Article VI, F controls the term of the official editor. Any incumbent member of an appointive office may be reappointed at the discretion of the incoming President. The Advisory Board shall be promptly notified of all appointments made under this Article, which shall be considered approved unless a majority of the Advisory Board returns an adverse decision within one month from the time of such notice. In the latter case, another candidate, acceptable to the Advisory Board, shall be named to fill the vacant post.

Article VI. Duties of Officers. The duties of the officers shall be:

A. The President shall direct the activities of the NFFF; at the commencement of his term make the appointments required by Article V, B and C; appoint members to fill vacated offices until the next election; call special elections, and in conjunction with the Advisory Board authorize polls; put the recommendations of the several committees before the Advisory Board; announce the dates of the annual election; be the official voice of the NFFF in decisions involving contacts outside the organization; and perform such duties as devolve upon an executive officer. He shall have all the necessary powers to deal with situations not covered by this constitution or subsequent amendments.

B. The Vice-President shall take over the President's office in case it shall be vacated; be the President's consultant and advisor; assist the President in the execution of his duties as is needful; and keep the Archives of the NFFF. The Archives shall consist of the permanent records of the NFFF; the membership list at each publication of the official organ; the list of officers and committee members each year; the list of affiliated organizations, together with officers, membership, and activities of the same; a record of activities engaged in

by the NFFF and their results; and any other information relating to the NFFF which is of permanent interest.

C. The Secretary-Treasurer shall collect and record all payment and non-payment of authorized dues, taxes, or appropriations; prepare the ballot for the Official Editor; inform the Chairman of the Advisory Board of the names of those members who fail to pay authorized taxes twice in succession; and perform all other duties of a similar nature which may be required of him.

D. The Advisory Board shall investigate the credentials of all prospective members; pass upon the recommendations of the several committees; take action regarding members who fail to pay taxes or vote in elections; act upon requests for the expulsion of any member or the impeachment of any officer; devise examinations for prospective members, altering at least 20% of the questions therein each year; act as a check on the other officers; and act as the judiciary of the federation. The Board shall have sole jurisdiction over the acceptance or rejection of new members, and the devising and alteration of the entrance tests. All other Board decisions shall become final only when approved by the President; or when not vetoed within two weeks of the time the President is notified of the decision. A Presidential veto may be over-ridden by a four-fifths majority of the Board, after which the decision stands.

E. The Long Range Planning Committee shall devise, ask for, and investigate the possibilities of, all ideas, suggestions, and proposals tending towards the benefit of fandom and the NFFF in the immediate and distant futures. The Chairman shall correlate the work of the several members of this committee, and submit frequent reports of the Committee activity to the President. When the Committee has worked out the practical application of a specific idea, the Chairman shall send the President full details and request that the Advisory Board be asked to act upon the matter. The Chairman shall also, when asked to do so, prepare a report of current committee activity for inclusion in the official bulletin.

F. The Official Editor shall edit and publish the official organ of the NFFF at intervals of not more than two months. A consistent failure to maintain this publishing schedule shall be construed as grounds for removal from office by action of the Advisory Board, unless such failure be due to delays of the other officers, or can otherwise be shown not to be the fault of the Editor. The material for inclusion in the official organ shall consist of the reports of the several officers. Other material may be included in the official bulletin at the discretion of the Editor provided that the President and Chairman of Advisory Board also approve. Other fanzines or material may be sent out with the official bulletin on the same conditions. Members submitting such material or fanzines to the Official Editor are advised to mail single copies to the President and Chairman of the Advisory Board. The Official Editor shall also reproduce the ballots from copy supplied by the Sec'y Treas., and mail them out with the proper issue of the official bulletin. The term of office of the Official Editor shall not expire until he has issued the official bulletin listing the results of the annual election of officers.

G. The Finance Committee shall investigate shall investigate the financial needs of the NFFF, determine as nearly as possible the kind and amount of taxes necessary to sustain the organization, and recommend the imposition of such taxes to the President for action by the Advisory Board. The Chairman shall on request submit a report on the financial problems of the NFFF for inclusion in the official bulletin.

Article VII. Privileges. All active members in good standing shall be entitled to run for office, vote in all elections, receive all official publications, use the name of the organization on stationery, letterheads, or any other honorable way, be granted appropriations for the furtherance of approved NFFF projects; and participate in all other activities or benefits.

Article VIII. Elections.

A. Elections of the elective officers shall be held annually, and the date of such elections shall be announced in the official bulletin two months before the said date. Ballots shall be distributed with the copies of the succeeding issue of the official bulletin, which may contain election platforms of the several candidates. Balloting shall be by mail, and the ballot shall contain the name and address of the officer in charge of the polls. Candidates for office shall secure nominations by filing their intentions, signed by ten members, with the Sec'y-Treas. at least three weeks before the date of the election. All votes to be counted must be in the hands of the designated officer four weeks after the ballots are mailed. No votes received later shall be counted.

B. To be elected to office, a candidate for President, Vice-President or Sec'y-Treas. must receive a majority of the votes cast, which majority must amount to at least 40% of the total active membership at the time of the election. Failing these conditions, a re-election limited to the two candidates with the highest totals must be ordered. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any of these posts, the Sec'y-Treas. shall prepare a proportional-representation (multiple choice) ballot, allowing each voter to list the candidates in order of preference.

C. To be elected to the Advisory Board, a candidate must be one of the five candidates receiving the greatest number of votes. A tie for the fifth position shall be broken by vote of the other four members; if they divide equally, the President's vote shall decide.

D. Candidates for re-election to the same office must obtain twenty signatures of members for their re-nomination?

E. As voting in elections is an activity requirement for the maintenance of NFFF membership (Article IX, B) members shall mail their ballots in envelopes plainly marked with their names and return addresses, but the balloting shall be secret, and the officer in charge of the polls shall record only the fact that the several members have voted. He shall keep no record of the actual vote of any member, nor publish or mention the actual vote of any member, unless for any reason the Advisory Board has ordered an open ballot for that particular election.

F. Special elections or polls called at times other than that of the annual election shall be conducted under the same rules which apply to the annual election.

Article IX. Expulsions.

A. Any officer or member may be expelled from the organization by a majority vote of the entire membership. Any member (not an officer) may be expelled by the unanimous vote of all the officers. Full report of such action and the grounds thereof should be published in the issue of the official bulletin immediately following. (This last sentence also applies to the next two sections of this Article.)

B. A member who is reported by the Sec'y-Treas. to have failed to pay two consecutive tax assessments shall be liable to expulsion by 4/5 vote of the Advisory Board. A member who is reported by the official in charge of the polls not to have voted in three consecutive elections, including special elections, is automatically suspended from active membership. Such a member shall twice be listed in the official bulletin under the heading "Inactive members" and shall then be dropped, unless he shall meanwhile give the Board of Advisors satisfactory evidence of his intention to become active in the future, when he may be re-instated by vote of the Board?

C. Any member exposed as using a pseudonym or fictitious character as another member of the NFFF for any purpose whatever shall automatically become ineligible to hold office, and may be expelled from membership if a majority of the active members so votes.

D. No member shall be expelled or suspended without having been duly notified in advance of the proposed action to be taken against him, and given ample chance to offer a defense?

E. Any member may submit to the Chairman of the Advisory Board reasons why he believes another member should be expelled for the good of the NFFF; but an accusation proven to be false may in itself be taken as grounds for expulsion, if the Advisory Board so decides.

Article X. Amendments. Amendments to this constitution shall be proposed in writing, signed by five members, and submitted to the Sec'y-Treas., who shall include such amendments in the copy for the ballot which is to be sent to the Official Editor? At the request of the proposers of the amendment the President may, however, order a special vote on the amendment, if he believes it advisable? A majority vote of the entire active membership shall be necessary for the adoption of amendments?

The Constitution of the National Fantasy Fan Federation.

Originally proposed by Art Widner Jr. in Bonfire #1.

Revised according to the suggestions of the Advisory Board?

Entirely rewritten by L. R. Chauvenet, and proposed to the membership as the definitive constitution of the NFFF.

PRELIMINARY REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

(pertinent extracts from a report
to the Advisory Board now in preparation. Full report next issue)

To the Board:

Your committee has been unable to secure definite figures on the probable routine expenses of the Federation for a normal year, but the following very rough estimates are submitted:

Timeographing (assuming an 8 page official organ six times a year, and average two pages of forms) to a circulation of 100)--

Stencils @.12	Reams paper @ \$1.	Postage @.015	Ink @ \$1.00
appx quant. 50	appx. quant. 5	Quantity 600	quant. 2
\$6.00	\$5.00	\$9.00	\$2.00

Stickers, stationery, postage for official correspondence--Quien sabe?

Your committee's report, however, is not based upon any specific amount to be raised. Certain proportions of taxation from certain sources are proposed, and the rate will be varied to suit the need.

It will be appreciated that each fan, as he sees the tax rates published, may feel that they bear particularly heavily on him, or seem to discourage the enterprise which is the lifeblood of fandom. The power to tax is the power to destroy (McCulloch vs Md^t), but it should be realized that somebody must pay, and the most active fans are the logical ones to do so. Fans are not in fandom to help the other fellow; each one gets a great deal out of it personally, and has to pay something for his fun as it is. The Federation merely hikes the ante a bit, and it is supposed that it will in return increase the benefits derived from the hobby. If one or two publishers of marginal-value fanzines feel that the game is no longer worth the cost, H C Koenig for one will not weep to see them discontinue publication.

There are various activities on which taxes might be based, of which the most apparent are publishing and authoring (including artwork, poetry, etc.). Possibly it may at a later date be found desirable to levy taxes on other aspects of fan activity, to fulfill the requirement that a good tax system should be varied, but the Committee presently recommends that taxes, other than the head tax proclaimed by the President, be laid only on members as authors and publishers. The tax on publishing is very roughly proportional to ability to pay, that on authorship roughly proportional to activity and therefore to benefits derived. Your committee recommends that the amount to be raised be divided equally between these two sources of revenue, and the tax rates assigned to each be sufficient to raise half of the amount

The NFFF Finance Committee
Jack Speer, Chairman
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