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ODDJOB: fanzine reviews

In FEEMWLORT #5 editor Greg Shaw asks, "Whatever happened to all the fabulous humorous writers of the 50's? Why don't fans have senses of humor anymore?" Well, I wasn't associated with fandom in the fifties, but it seems to me that there has recently been an uosurge in this type of writing in many of the new fanzines coming out. A short time ago I received three examples of this; though these fanzines will use serious articles and reviews, the main portion of them is devoted to humor and satire. Besides this accent on humor, they have other things in common: they welcome contributions from outsiders and new readers, they are handsomely-reproduced and illustrated, and I have found (mostly through MSBureau contact) the editors to be conscientious and reliable.

The best and most ambitious of the three is THE VILLAGE IDIOT, edited by Paul Shingleton and Tom Milton (sample free from Paul at 874 South Walnut St., St. Albans, West Virginia, 25177). The editors sent their first two copies to the entire mailing-list of YANDRO. Issue #2 is illustrated by "NOTT", "DEA", and Al Andrews all excellent artwork; and the 'zine is reproduced by offset. Paul calls his editorial "Waste", and it consists of interesting chitchat on cats, toothpaste, and Batman, and some autobiographical material. Milton's humerous material mostly falls flat, but the titles of his pieces are always worth a look. For example, one is called "An Explanation of Man -- or Teenage Banana Peel". There is also a lettercol, and some poetry, but it is the excellent artwork which carries this issue.

SATYR #2 is a half-size dittoed fanzine, with an offset cover which irked many of the readers since it was the same cover used on issue #1. Editor John Berry (35 Dusenberry Read, Bronxville, N.Y., 10708; sample copy free) threatens to use the same poor cover for #3, but probably won't as the next issue will be full-size. Tom Duoree has a mildly-amusing piece on the Batman television program; a satirical "Interview with the British Minister in Charge of Cannibalism" by Berry, La-Marr, and Phelan is a good idea, but much too long; and finally both Berry and Breiding do reviews on fanzines and books. Berry does the better job, as Breiding, rather than concentrate on reviewing, tries to be funny and insulting instead. A note on the back cover informs me that I got my copy "by divine intervention".

After almost a year's absence "ZARATHUSTRA is Back", this time minus one of its editors. The remaining editor, Joni Markwood (One Fonthill Park, Rochester, N.Y., 14618; sample copy 25¢), seems to be starting all over again from scratch, so this issue (#5) reads like a first issue. Good artwork by REG and Jurgen Wolff isn't supported by the written material. Petard's article, "A Contribution to the Mathematical Theory of Big Game Hunting", is as tedious as its title; Don D'Ammassa's fictional review, a satire of Ballard, is effective, though. Two short trivialities round out this short issue.

So here you have three new fanzines which need and want contributions. Try them; read them; contribute . . .

Michael Viggiano

Review -- "The Productions of Time", by John Brunner (F & SF, Aug & Sep '66).

The plot of this two-part serial is not involved; Murray Douglas, an outcast actor, is called upon by Director Sam Blizzard to join a company being assembled for mysterious but highly-regarded playright Manuel Delgado. With a group of alcoholics, has-beens, never-beens, addicts, and worse, Delgado wants to produce his second play. The action of the story is the action of the characters; their reactions

to each other and to their surroundings provide the conflict; and the mysterious movements of Delgado and Valentine, the stewards, provide a solid aura of suspense. The novel is gripping and highly readable.

It would be even better if it weren't a science-fiction novel -- or, to be exact, if the one-quarter of it which is SF weren't. The novel has earned the brand of SF only because of its ending -- where Delgado and Valentine are revealed as emotion-stealers from the future. Had Brunner played the plot as a straight piece of fiction, and continued to develop a story around the framework of hate, suspicion, and suspense he was able to build without the science-fictional elements of time travel and emotion-addiction, he would have had an excellent novel.

As it stands, it's still the best thing in a science-fiction magazine thus far in 1966.

Richard Labonte

Movie Review -- FORBIDDEN PLANET

"C: FORBIDDEN PLANET 6:00 pm, (9) A space ship is sent to a desolate planet to rescue a professor and his daughter, marooned in an earlier space expedition, but the rescuers encounter a strange, invisible killing force created by the professor's id. Walter Pidgeon, Anne Francis, Leslie Nielson. Suspenseful science fiction tale. (1956)"

So read the Movie Index blurb in the TV Section of the Chicago Daily News. How would this famous SF movie appear to the viewer 10 years after it was made? Now was my chance to see it for the first time -- in black and white, unfortunately, as we don't have a color TV set. And so, my fellow Neffers, I sat down before the boob tube earlier this evening and for two hours was entertained as I have rarely been entertained before.

First of all, the movie could have been produced yesterday -- the only sign that it was 10 years old was the appearance of Anne Francis (now of Honey West fame). Her hair-style was just a bit dated -- but then, who can say what the hair-styles will be like in the future? No matter, it didn't detract from my enjoyment of the picture.

My disbelief was willingly suspended the whole 2-hour period -- even to the extent that I forgot the hint of the plot from the TV blurb and let myself be carried along.

The special effects were fantastic. There was nothing shoddy or cheap about anything in the movie; the model of the spaceship flying through space looked just as good as the actual large-sized one used for close-ups. Robby the Robot was really good, and in parts even showed more acting ability than did Anne Francis.

my opinion, wasn't shoddy SF -- and though it might wear a little thin if presented as a novel, it was quite appropriate for a lavish movie which could sok the imagination with special effects.

I enjoyed it heartily, and advise every SFan to try and see it if he hasn't already done so. Keep an eye peeled, and hopefully it will be on TV in your section of the country some time in the future.

One last note. The plot-line was actually quite similar to that of the first episode in the new show, "Star Trek". I suspect that the "Star Trek" director was more than a little inspired by "Forbidden Planet" -- and I can sure see why. It was great!

There has been no Directorate action during the month of October. I will be in contact with the Directors shortly on a matter on which Stan has requested a vote, and on the subject of the "free 1967 dues" resolution.

I am told that, in order for the Directorate to reconsider something that they have previously passed, one of the Directors who voted in favor of the resolution must move for reconsideration. I can't make such a motion, since my vote was in favor of the \$1.00 1967 dues (also unconstitutional if the free dues are) -- so that leaves Ed, Ned, and Clay. Will one of you three please make such a motion (write to Ed, with copy to me) as soon as possible, so we can settle this matter between ourselves, at least, before the next TNFF?

I hope the Directorate will kill this resolution entirely, and, if they must spend the money, spend in it such a way as to give the 1967 members (and members in future years) a tangible and lasting benefit. I'll suggest a few such ways in my Directorate correspondence.

If the resolution is passed again, it must be passed with altered wording if there is to be any hope for its implementation. It has been suggested that the wording be altered so that the <u>club</u> pays the dues for all members to itself for 1967, in order to get around the wording of Article I, Section 1. This <u>may</u> get around it on Constitutional grounds, but there are still plenty of other arguments being made against the resolution, and there would still undoubtedly be a petition and full membership referendum. If this occurs, the full membership vote could not be held until sometime in 1967 -- since the members, in order to vote, will have to have paid their 1967 dues in their entirety . . . well, I would advise the membership against hoping for or planning on free or reduced 1967 dues!

Donald L. Miller (Acting Chairman)

SECRETARY-TREASURER'S REPORT (May-Oct. 20, 1966)

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New Members during October: John M. Laprairie, Luis Vigil Garcia, Chuck Kenison, Lynn W. Moschelle, George Inzer, Ronnie Elliott, William R. Reynolds, Jr. October Renewals: Wojciechowski, Woolston, Owings, Muldowney, Steinseifer, Weber, B.P. Walker.

Secretarial Chatter -- Our club, which has been dying since its birth, is now in the best shape it has been in since its birth. We have a fat treasury, a large membership, plenty of active members, and more wanting to be active -- what more do you want? And yet out of this active membership it seems as if no one other than the members of WSFA was interested in running for office. With seven candidates for Director, four of them are WSFA members ((five --ed.)). I have nothing against any

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of the candidates, but it's not healthy to have all officers from one area. Since our membership is soread out over the States, our officers should be spread over the States. Sorry folks, even the these are fine fans I could not vote for an entire slate made up of WSFA members.

Janie Lamb

((Addresses will be on roster to be distributed with January TB. In the interim, if anyone needs the addresses of the new members, write to me and I'll send them to you. The reason there are so many WSFA members on the slate is that, with an incomplete slate and the deadline almost here, I approached Neffers whom I knew personally to be capable, hard-working individuals who would be a credit to the job if elected, and asked them to run. All but one complied. Since all the SF fans I know in this area are in WSFA . . . At any rate, these fans are in WSFA, but not in this immediate area. Jim Latimer is in Massachusetts, Ned Brooks is in southern Virginia, and Mark Owings is in Baltimore. Only Jay Haldeman and I live close together. Besides, what difference does it make? These people will vote their own convictions, or I wouldn't have asked them to run. A candidate should be elected or defeated on his capabilities -- not his geographical background, sex, race or religion. We don't have a quota system -- one Director from the Northeast, one from the West, one from the Southeast, etc. There would actually be an increase in Directorate efficiency, as three of the Directors would be able to meet face-to-face every two weeks. The only drawback would be one of appearances, to a non-Neffer. --ed.))

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Information Bureau (Donald Franson, 6543 Babcock Ave., N. Hollywood, Cal., 91606) -- Questions are coming in fine now, and are being answered by postcard and letter. This is a service for old members as well as new, and any question on these four subjects: science fiction, fantasy, fandom, and the N3F (its organization, history, etc.) will be answered either (or both) by letter or in TIGHTBEAM. The Information Bureau also originates informational booklets, and suggestions for these are welcomed. What all do you want to know?

Manuscript Bureau (Michael Viggiano, 1834 Albany Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y., 11210) -- October has been a big month: eight requests for material. However, only three fans sent contributions -- all artwork. There is an urgent need for articles (both sercon and fannish), and good fan-fiction. Contribute.

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New Member Packets: Janie Lamb, Rt. 1, Box 364, Heiskell, Tenn., 37754. Games Bureau Non-Games Divisions: Classical Music Division; History Division. FIRST CLASS

In brief --

See the Nov. TB packet for the TNFF overflow.

The Linebarger obituary and tribute is reprinted from THE WSFA JOURNAL #30. Remember election voting deadline is November 10! Vote now!!

"I" is being used in this issue in lieu of the editorial "we" in response to objection raised by Don Franson. Any comments?

Typing of this issue was completed the evening of Nov. 1. November 2 is too late. Get your material in early next time. Our deadlines are deadlines! Deadline for material for December issue of TNFF -- December 1.

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