

INTEGRITY?

WHAT DOES BOSTON HAVE TO OFFER? Well, for one thing, it has active, enthusiastic fans who don't have resort to clumsy lies to discredit the opposition. It is a shame that we can't say the same for the New York group; but they evidently feel that they are so far in the right that they can say anything about the other bidders, no matter how scurrilous or ridiculous it may be. For example, the last issue of "Focal Point" (published by Mike McInerney and rich brown) had this to say:

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POINT

Remember us? If you don't, we don't blame you. It has been a while between issues. Nonetheless, this is the 21st issue of a fanzine of news, views and reviews, edited by Mike McInerney (250 W. 16th St., Apt. 5TH, New York, New York) and rich brown (250 W. 16th St., Apt. 5TH, New York, New York) as frequently as possible, and published by them on QWERTYUOLPlus One on the same religiously frequent schedule, and that's "laifs" for this issue. It is available for news, trades, 3/25 or 12/51. Our Overseas Agent is Peter Singleton, Ward 2, Whittingham Hospital, Near Preston, Lancs., England, and subs thru him are 12 for 7/-. Circulation: 240. "Focal Point" DEAR WESTON FOR TAFT! NEW YORK IN '67!

BOFF TO THE BIDDERS IN BOSTON: In our dealings with the Sheraton Hotel, we were told by the Sheraton people that Boston was definitely putting on the World SF Convention next year.

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They had this piece of misinformation from the Sheraton Hotel in Boston. We of New York found this to be Very Interesting Indeed, inasmuch as we understood that the matter was to be voted upon at the next World SF Convention, the TriCon. We would be very interested in hearing from anyone in Boston who cares to try to explain how this lie came to be part of the records of the New York Sheraton Hotel.

Notice first that they didn't even bother to get the right hotel for their lie; the regional Boskones have both been held in the Boston Statler-Hilton, and a Boston Worldcon in 1967 would also be held in the Statler-Hilton. We have never been connected in any way with the Boston Sheraton or the New York Sheraton, and the statement in Focal Point is the kind of outright lie that has no place in an honest competition for a convention site.

Going beyond the plain fact that New York picked the wrong hotel for its smear on Boston, the Focal Point notice carries the implication that the Boston in '67 Committee has been lying to its hotel to gain some personal ends, and that if the hotel ever found out about it they would refuse to have anything further to do with the committee. Once again, the New York fans' ignorance of the truth has shown their lack of honesty or integrity. The Boston in '67 Committee has been working closely with the Statler-Hilton Hotel ever since the Statler was chosen as the best hotel for the Boston convention bid. The Convention Service Manager, Ed Loy, is an SF fan, and is familiar with past SF conventions--and has been a silent member of the con committee since the hotel was chosen.

At the Lunacon this year, we pointed out to rich and Mike that their statement was a ridiculous and insulting lie. They admitted that they were wrong, and promised to print a retraction and an apology in Focal Point #22, the next issue. Since that time, however, no issues of FP have come out, and no retraction has been printed; the

hoax issue, #23, simply repeated the same idiotic lie. John Boardman, Treasurer of the Nycon III committee, repeated the same lie a month later. In the letter column of Knowable #10, he mentioned that everyone now knew what Boston was like, now that they knew Boston had lied to their hotel. This was printed in spite of the fact that the truth had come out a month earlier, at the Lunacon.

When it became obvious that the New York fans were not going to retract their statements, even though they had admitted they were untrue, I asked Ed Loy for a letter stating his position and that of the Boston Statler-Hilton:



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August 15, 1966

Mr. Michael Ward
116 Broadway
Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142

Dear Mike:

It was a pleasure meeting the "Boskone '67" committee yesterday to discuss your invitation to the World Science Fiction Convention for September 1-4, 1967.

As discussed, should the "Boskone '67" committee receive the support at this year's convention and be awarded the 1967 World Science Fiction Convention, the facilities outlined in my letter of September 16, 1965 to Mr. David A. Vanderwerf, will then become definite.

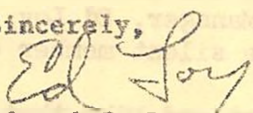
We are pleased to have the complete support of the "Boskone '67" committee as convention headquarters should the 1967 Worldcon be held in Boston.

We welcomed the opportunity of working with you and your committee in preparing your invitation for the Worldcon to convene in Boston.

You and your committee will receive our close attention concerning your convention requirements if the delegates at the 1966 World Science Fiction Convention should award the 1967 convention to Boston.

It will be our pleasure to serve you.

Sincerely,


Edward J. Loy
Convention Service Manager

THE CHOICE IS CLEAR--BOSTON
FOR HONESTY, INTEGRITY, AND
A GREAT 1967 WORLDCON--

NEW YORK FOR LIES!