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"FECOM's Finest Fanzine"

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INTRODUCTION: Having accumulated the names and addresses of several members of fandom who are now in uniform and mostly far removed from sources of late news about their friends and acquaintances, I hereby inaugurate this Korean gazette to remedy the situation. Circulation of this issue: 10 copies, including one for my file. Unavailable to any civilian who asks for it.

MICHIGAN FANDOM: Quotes from a letter received this evening from Martin E Alger: "I guess the MSFS is gasping its last, I called Agnes and she didn't know when the next meeting was because she isn't exactly the sec. any more because they sort of decided there wasn't enough of a club to have a sec. anymore but Singer thought he would have a meeting but she didn't know when or where. Devore recently issued a blistering Insurgent one-shot in which he explored the personality and habits of several members and ended by banning anymore meetings at his house. Then he moved down south, got a card from him passing thru Tenn. said he was holding his head out the window and the fresh air was blowing the taint of fen off him."

And later, concerning George H Young: "Young should be on his way to Korea about now, he was home on leave in the last part of Nov. and had to report to a camp in Wash. about the 9th or 10th of Dec. to get ready for shipping out. I don't know his address yet but will try to let you know as soon as I have it. Young being in the Combat Eng. outfit, learned to use blocks of TNT, I gave him hell for not swiping some to bring home for the fans to use. He said he never thought of it; -----must be a fake fan!"

If you haven't kept up with activities for the past six months or so, Mart Alger, once the most silent of fen, has blossomed out as Michigan's counterpart of Redd Boggs. His last SAPS-zine, Revoltin' Development, was devoted to compiling all the incidents in which Michigan fans and fancubs have tangled with the police, FBI, courts, and other forces of law and order. It took several pages to recount everything. Will reprint some of the stuff for you in future communiques.

MINNESOTA FANDOM: Redd Boggs is still going strong and is now contemplating bringing out (in FAPA) The Botta Reader, a collection of Morgan Bot's stories. I am trying to persuade him to reprint Fanspeak, the ill-fated NFFF glossary pamphlet of which only about a dozen copies were ever run off. Remind me, sometime, to give you the history of that enterprise.

Redd is now sec-treas of FAPA. More later on FAPA doings, which have taken a turn for the spectacular.

HAWAII FANDOM: Charles Lee Riddle is no longer a "PIL, USN" — he has gotten a promotion to "PNCA, USN" which he says is equivalent to a M/sgt in the army. Incidentally, CLR's brother Jack F. Riddle (non fan) is a first looke in C Co. 179th Inf. You gentlemen in the 45th Inf Div might look him up. Riddle is leaving beautiful Hawaii, where he never had it so good, and will eventually be stationed in New York city. Don't you wish now that you had joined the Navy while you had the chance?

MISCELLANEOUS FANDOM: Wrai Ballard sent me a Christmas card in which he wrote that his interest in fandom had revived after a long seige of gafia. He has rejoined NJF and begun work on a SAPS pub called Laggard. Says, "Cosval has some good ideas in regard to SAPS." From other sources I hear that Cosval's chief idea is to convert SAPS to

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bi-monthly mailings. If that is a good idea I will ride on a honey wagon. Very nice card from Coswal arrove too. Printed on a penny postcard in red with gothic type it sez "Season's Greetings to FAPA from The Fantasy Attic and Coswal." This shud be a collector's item, for with the new postal rates taking effect, there will never again be a fan-Christmas-pennypostcard!

Undoubtedly you have all heard by now of the fan sensation of 1951: that Lee Hoffman, at the Nolacon, was found to be a young and attractive (I have seen her picture -- wow!) girl. 'Tis said that several of her male correspondents who had been uninhibited in their correspondence turned a deep dark red upon meeting her. Anyhow, according to Boggs, Hoffman's Quandry is the only subzine currently pubbed which is worth getting. I sent her three bucks to airmail me a year's issues (Regular sub price: \$1.50). I am also getting the SAPS and FAPA bundles by airmail. Anyhow, I got a letter from Hoffman this evening which mentions that (before I wrote her) she'd sent a bundle of fanmags my way.

I have the latest SAPS and FAPA bundles here (had to abandon the previous ones of each, which I'd received at Stoneman, at Camp Drake in order to get all by gear packed into my bag and pack). If any of you gentlemen in Korea (only) can figure out how I can get them to you, you are welcome to them, as well as a few prozines which are cluttering up the office and being sneered at by my non-fan co-workers.

Dropped in on Bea Mahaffey in Evanston on my way to Stoneman last August and learned there of Chicago's plan to bid for the '52 Con. They did bid at the Nolacon and were awarded the con. Dunno what further developments, if any, have taken place, altho I've written Bea asking for info.

I was elected prexy of FAPA after tying with Marion Z Bradley in the last election. Because of the complicated constitutional tangle raised by this tie vote, which FTL ruled upon, Bradley is now feuding with Burbee & Laney. The feud really started before the election, when Marion objected to the earthy character of some of the Insurgent writings and threatened to turn the bundle over to the postal authorities. You can imagine FTL's reaction to that, which may have influenced his actions in ruling on the election so as to get the maximum reaction from la Bradley. Anyway, she subsequently resigned from FAPA, then changed her mind and said she'd stay in. I don't know what the status of the feud is now.

MAINE FANDOM: This is a serious item for a change: Maine fan and publisher of Triton, Russell H Woodman, while serving over here with the 7th Infantry Division, was killed in action, reports Peon.

KOREAN FANDOM: Among the fen in, or soon to be in this country are Ed Cox and Fred Reich (both with the 45th Div); me (with the 2d Div); George H Young (on his way over). Others to whom I am sending this include Capt Richard E Avery (in Japan, I think); Ray Reussner (on Okinawa); C.L.Riddle (see above); Hal Shapiro (in Missouri or Kansas or some such ghodforsaken place) and Joe Kennedy and Lee Jacobs, providing I can dig up their current addresses. I can see that duplication is going to be a problem if I locate any more fen in uniform.

Comment and suggestions on what I should put into these brief pages welcome. Publication frequency highly variable, dependent upon my time and ambition, and also the tactical situation.

Keep your tails up, and the best of luck to every one of you.

— Sgt Arthur H Rapp

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