
CIGAR ROACH FOR PRESIDENT! (illo by Bathurst)



::A fanzine of FAPAbound mailing comments by Mike Glycer -- 14974 Osceola St., Sylmar CA 91342 -- dedicated to the voting majority behind Don Markstein's apartment walls; oh, valiant six hundred! ::::::::::::::::::::::::::::::

JACK CHALKER: It seems to me that you overstate the truth in declaring the LACon committee to have dissolved in acrimony. Of all the people involved only Crayne departed, and in fact the rest are together and continuing to bid for and run Westercons and Worldcons. And in Crayne's case, though he defeated the rest of the LA group with his NASFiC bid, did nothing to give an impression that he did so because he was emotionally upset (a condition connated by "acrimony.") He simply had a different conception about running cons. Lois

Newman alone among the other LA conrunners was angry with Crayne. In support, I believe all of us locally voted for the Craynes in the FAPA OE race. True that none of the NASFiC bidders who lost worked for Crayne once he won -- but I believe that vindictiveness had less to do with it than a combination of self-respect and wanting for a change to attend a con without having to run their tails off -- they have, after all, run the past three out of four Westercons, LACon, an LA-based Equicon, and will be running LA 2000 and the next Westercon while simultaneously bidding for Pacificon III, the 1978 Worldcon.

TERRY HUGHES: Excellent entryzines -- and your comment to Calkins ("Don't forget that he then stores the surplus copies on floorspace that might otherwise be put to use holding cases of liquor") indicates an inborn understanding of a FAPAN's priorities which most members only obtain after long tenure. Once I've been in for awhile I hope to achieve it. I still slip up, sometimes -- for example, doing these mailing comments while sober, which is amply reflected in my comment to Vardebob.

CHARLES BURBEE, DAVE LOCKE, ED COX,
GUS WILMORTH, LENORE CANNON, DEAN
GRENNEILL, SOCORRO, et al.

This fanzine, though billed a one-shot, is an Instant Classic -- some hilarious spots where I broke out laughing, an excellent transcrip-

tion (though EdCo says it doesn't wholly catch the flavor of the occasion, it comes over very well in print, and I'm glad since I missed this speech, being one of those tightwads who won't pay to get into a banquet) (primarily because I haven't got that much money to be tight with in the first place).

DIAN CRAYNE: I don't see a page limit for the \$5 8½x11 volume. Now while I wouldn't have any use for a ten-foot-wide 8½x11 volume, since none of my bookshelves are longer than five or six feet, one can never tell about other putrid fen... Seriously, what is the optimum size? // Now THAT's FAPA -- I explained the essence of the fannish spirit to my parents by showing them the instance where somebody typesets her fan-

zine, and when she finds an inch of whitespace left over at the end inserts in 6-point type a complete recipe for "Mock Boef Bourginogne" (which I can't even pronounce!) // Sorry you didn't win the OEShip -- I love chili.

SAM MOSKOWITZ: Though it doesn't sound substantive enough praise in return for such a thorough and fascinating study of the sf of P. Schuyler Miller, just let me say that I'm very happy it appeared in FAPA.

BOB VARDEMAN: "But the left wingers are intent on taking away our only protection against the government and the right wingers are intent on making sure we can't read about it." "A plague on both your houses" rhetoric, with oversimplified caricatures of political stances, signals to me that the writer isn't sufficiently interested in his subject to comprehend the issues and players in context. If the subject doesn't interest you enough to do it justice why do you carry on so? The gist of "the right to bear arms is our defense against tyrannical government" argument is a horrible oversimplification, neglecting various possibilities -- such as, on one hand, the easy manufacture of home-made explosives, and on the other hand, the potential governmental monopoly on munitions -- what army can fight a government force armed with automatic weapons if they are armed only with weapons supplied by their own reloading benches and using inferior powder. (I admit to knowing little about armaments, but if the government prohibited the sale or import of quality supplies -- and enforced it successfully -- could sufficient and good enough ammunition be supplied from scratch to supply more than a few roving guerilla forces?)

DON MARKSTEIN: I think that Niven story compared to "Squire of Gothos" was "Passenger" -- and much more profoundly stated.

TERRY JEEVES: Okay, I'll bite, what DOES the Cagle Unit in an NBC-21 Martian theater organ DO? // Seeing your note soliciting British trades for D'Ammassa -- if the opportunity arises, could you tell British fans I'm also trying to build me UK trades? // The color work in ERG is beautiful. It makes ERG stand out from all other zines (as do the excellent hand-stencilled illustrations). // Colored paper is 10-15% more expensive where I buy it, so the difference is negligible.

HARRY WARNER: FORT FAUNCHO?? (Nearby Fout's Landing and the Corflu India Reservation...)