

★THEY SIGNED:

Bob Lichtman
Jerry Carr
Alan J. Lewis

"A total of 14 negative votes (or 'blackballs' if you prefer) out of a grand total of 25 ballots cast is a pretty clear percentage."

-- GREGG CALKINS, "President's Report,"
The Fantasy Amateur, May 1964.

But not quite so CONCLUSIVE a percentage as 39 out of a grand total of 65 members, eh, Gregg?

HURRAH FOR OUR SIDE !

Rick Smeary

Jim Caughman

Bob Silverberg

Lee Hoffman

Ted Johnstone

Harry Warner Jr.

Bob Tucker

Jul White

Richard Schultz

Nancy Rapp

Russell Chauvenet

Richard Bergeron

Mike Deekinger

Sylvia Dees

Russ Breen

Norm Metcalf

THANK YOU, FAPA

Redd has just informed me that some 33 of you (possibly more by the time this is mailed out) have sent in your signatures petitioning to override the blackball. To me this is just about the warmest welcome to FAPA I could possibly have imagined. It is a vote of confidence amply making up for what 14 members had earlier attempted. It is a moral victory, a vindication all the more unexpected, all the more heartwarming, coming so quickly after the very mailing in which the blackball news had been circulated. It restores for once and all my confidence in FAPA as a society whose members pride themselves on fairness. That the news came on the day after my wife's birthday is even happier coincidence. I am glad, I am grateful, I am overwhelmed -- oh, hell, I am in danger of going all maudlin.

Thank you, FAPA. See you next mailing.

Walter Breen

HISTORY IS MADE

Walter Breen has just become the first person in history to be elected to FAPA membership by popular vote.

The voice of the fapate has spoken suddenly and in stentorian tones. On the sixth day of June 1964 I received the thirty-third signature on the petition for a special rule (circulated in FAPA mailing #107 as 32 Signatures -- and Yours) to override the blackball of Walter Breen announced in the same mailing.

MORE INSIDE !

Elmer B Perdue
 James Havelin
 Andy Mainbem
 Norm Blake
 Georgina Clarke
 Al Lewis
 Karen Anderson
 Len Moffatt
 Charles Fard Hansen
 Charles Wells
 Marion Z. Bradley
 Richard W. Brown
 Juanita Coulson
 Robert Coulson
 Miriam Knight
 Bill [unclear]
 [unclear]
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Although at times during the vote I lost heart as expected signatures appeared belatedly or not at all, I was at least reasonably confident from the beginning that the blackball could be overthrown. At the beginning of the campaign I drew up a "scoresheet" on which all 65 fapans were put into one of five categories: "Certain to sign," "Will probably sign," "Good prospects," "Unknown," and "Anti-Breen." There were 17 in the first category and ten in the second, which meant that if all 27 "certains" and "probables" came through, we would need only six more from the other categories. (As it turned out 24 of these 27 signed the petition.)

On the basis of this computation, I made like the CBS Voter Profile Analysis and predicted that on the basis of the scoresheet and the early trends in the vote we would hit 25 votes by Friday, 29 May, and go over the top on Friday, 5 June. (As it turned out, we missed it by two votes each time, but reached the predicted point the next day that mail was delivered.)

Bob Lichtman's ballot was the very first to be received, on 15 May; John and Bjo Trimble's vote came in next, the same day as Dick Bergeron's. The following day was the biggest single day in the vote; five signatures were received: Miri Knight's, Alan (East Coast) Lewis', Rich Brown's, Len Moffatt's, and Rick Sneary's. Next day four more ballots arrived, from Jim Caughran, Bob Silverberg, Terry Carr, and Karen Anderson.

When Al (West Coast) Lewis gave me his ballot on 24 May, we pulled dead even with the group that had voted the blackball in the first place. It was the fourteenth signature received. Next day Lee Hoffman, Mike Deckinger, and Norm and Gina Clarke put us past midway, and a couple of days after that, with the signatures of Charles Wells, Ron Bennett, and Marion Zimmer Bradley,

John E. Bjo Trimble

Art Wilson

Patricia Ellington

Richard Ellington

Redd Boggs

YOU may still add your signature to this petition. Send it in any-time before 8 August 1964. Your support is still welcome. Thanks!

we went past 20. Earlier, Norm Clarke had written me, "I will be flabbergasted if Breen gets as many as 20 votes." I sent off a jubilant postal to Aylmer East: "So flabbergast!" Ted Johnstone gave me his signature at the LASFS that evening: #21.

On 29 May, when my prediction said we would reach 25 votes, we at least reached 22 -- the two-thirds mark -- and went one beyond as Harry Warner Jr and George W. Locke registered their support. 1 June was a significant date because we reached 25, and thereby equalled the total vote in the FAPA Poll whose by-product was the Breen blackball. In fact we reached 26, with Bob Tucker, Ted White, and James Hevelin voting.

Two days of that final week of the campaign no votes at all were received, but on the other days we received the signatures of Nancy Rapp, Dick Schultz, Russell Chauvenet, Andy Main bem, and Juanita and Robert Coulson. Thursday, 4 June, I phoned Walter Breen in Berkeley.

"I'm going to publish a progress report on the petition campaign," I said casually, "and..."

"How is the campaign coming?" said Walter, rather indifferently.

"Well, we have 31 votes so far," I said. "And two more promised," I added hastily. "Ellington and Grennell have written that their signatures are in the mail. Congratulations!"

Walter's surprised whoops of joy convinced me that here was a man who was genuinely happy to be entering FAPA. Somehow it made the whole thing worthwhile to hear the cheers echoing down the wires from Area Code 415.

Saturday, 6 June, Ellington's and Grennell's signatures were safely in hand, and we had 33 signatures, the minimum required. But not everybody who had a conviction about the blackball had registered his opinion. Along came the signatures of Norm Metcalf, Charles Ford Hansen, Sylvia Dees, Elmer Perdue, Bill Morse, and Art Wilson.

39 signatures. That's what we have in hand as I stencil these lines on the evening of Wednesday, 10 June 1964. If any more show up before we Go to Press, I will happily add their names to the final accounting on the next page. As I figure it, barring possible overlaps (people who

voted the blackball but later reconsidered and voted to override it), all but a dozen FAPA members have registered their stand on this matter, and not many more votes are likely.

The vice president was coy about indicating the names of those who voted the blackball (except to other officers of the club, naturally, and to certain supporters of the blackball). He alleges that blackballers require "anonymity," though he would have a hard time proving that: The constitution says nothing about keeping full details of the blackball secret. Anyway, if the blackball procedure is such a great and noble thing, you would suppose that the blackballers would be happy to have their names known. What better egoboo than to be recognized as one who has protected FAPA from the incursion of a malign influence?

At any rate, I am sure that the names of the 39 signers of this override petition will be duly printed in the August Fantasy Amateur, even though by the same line of reasoning, they too are entitled to anonymity. Aren't they, Buz? But I have no objection at all; indeed, I am proud and happy to append a complete list of the signers of this petition for a special rule which has overridden the blackball of Walter Breen:

Karen Anderson
 Ron Bennett
 Richard Bergeron
 Redd Boggs
 Marion Zimmer Bradley
 Rich Brown
 Terry Carr
 Jim Caughran
 Russell Chauvenet
 Norm and Georgina Clarke
 Robert and Juanita Coulson
 Mike Deckinger
 Sylvia Dees
 Patricia and Richard
 Ellington
 Dean A. Grennell
 Charles Ford Hansen
 James Hevelin
 Lee Hoffman
 Ted Johnstone
 Miriam Knight
 Al Lewis

Alan J. Lewis
 Bob Lichtman
 George W. Locke
 Andy Main
 Norm Metcalf
 Len Moffatt
 Bill Morse
 Elmer Perdue
 Nancy Rapp
 Dick Schultz
 Bob Silverberg *
 Rick Sneary
 John and Bjo Trimble
 Bob Tucker
 Harry Warner Jr
 Charles Wells
 Ted White
 Art Wilson

* AKA to the cognoscenti
 as Vov Ailcwewwef.

Thanks to all who signed, to those who wrote encouraging letters (Bennett, Bergeron, Deckinger, Ellington, Hoffman, Locke, Main, Morse, Nan Rapp, Wells, and Wilson, in particular), and to various waiting-listers such as Bill Blackbeard and Avram Davidson who helped in one way or another. Thanks to the Trimbles and especially to Walter Breen himself. It was an exciting and encouraging campaign, and since it ended only a few days before the only slightly less world-shaking cloture showdown in the Senate, I feel full of optimism and affection. It's too bad you aren't all here in person at this moment: I'd probably hand each of you a \$10 bill just out of sheer gratitude.

-- REDD BOGGS