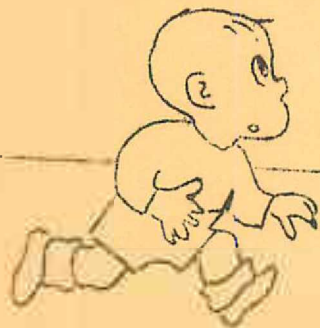
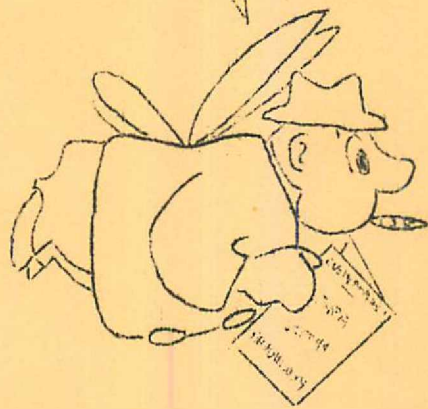


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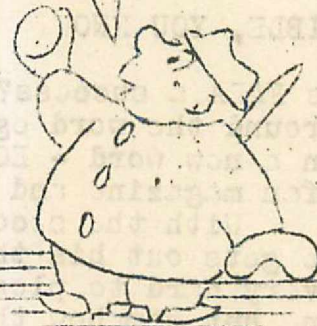
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FOR FARA



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FLYING HIGH!

Well, well, very interesting. Another Fantasy Amateur Press Association dead line. We used to have a deadline in our organization - The Elves, Leprechauns and little men's Chowder and Marching Society, but now we just have the cash on the line or we're dead. Mr Lancelot McSnoid takes care of that. He's a Leprechaun, you know. A very representative specimen, too. But what was I speaking of? Oh, yes, the FAPA deadline. Well, this is the Daugherty offering. I'm afraid you'll find it a little on the bombastic side but after all, Mr Shaw shouldn't be so vociferous in his accusations. What ho, I must away. Lets see, where was I going? I had the ticket here in my pocket. Oh yes, here it is "to win...\$2.00". See you next mailing.



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FANDOMANI AMBLINGS

TYPERS ONLY SPELL AS WELL AS YOU CAN

I am still trying to make up my mind as to which method of typing I use: The poultry system (hunt and peck), The biblical system ('seek & ye shall find), or the Columbus system (discover and land). Ackerman has often said he could say what he has to say on paper far better than he can put it orally. I am just the opposite, I would rather have my say in person than on a piece of paper. My main trouble seems to be that I type so slowly that my mind runs way ahead of my hands and as a result there is plenty of misspelling (I really can't spell worth a darn anyway) and sometimes a perfectly logical statement will get lost in the typer and turn out to be an unintelligible jumble of words and phrases. There you are dear critics, a perfect opportunity to get in your digs.

FACTS AND OPINIONS

To my mind it is practically impossible for any one fan to set himself up as an analyst of fandom as there is no one person who is thoroughly enough acquainted with every fan to put on paper the exact factors of any fan situation. You will find in most cases that the situations that are analyzed are covered from the viewpoint of only one person - the writer - he is governed by his own likes and dislikes and by his friendship with others. Fan polls are not an adequate means of concealing fan opinion either. Too many poll cards are sent in after a hurried decision and there is no two or three pages explaining why the poller chose this instead of that. A good analysis must be made on a dual basis. On what a fan writes and on what a fan has to say personally. Too many fans have a habit now-a-days of writing something as a fact when actually it is their own opinion. Opinions and facts are the two biggest problems of fandom today, I believe. Don't you think things would appear a little better with less "this is" and a little more "I believe"?

IT IS POSSIBLE, YOU KNOW

Why is FAPA a success? Here is one possible answer that is all centered around the word ego! When a new fan starts to publish his (may I coin a new word - EOFAN?) This Eofan works hard and puts out his first fan magazine and will receive a good stack of mail full of comments. With the second edition the response is much less and by the time he gets out his third edition he has become a fan personality and tries very hard to please all the fans by putting what he wants in his magazine but somehow the written shots-in-the-arm become fewer and fewer. His fourth edition may be a terrific one but he may only get a half dozen letters of comment on his magazine so he turns his fan publishing time to FAPA because then he will always be in the FAPA mailing reviews. If you can't get any comments on your magazine put it in FAPA and it will be reviewed by all and sundry. May I give you a hint Do one of two things. Either make your magazine stink like Degler's messages or be sure to attack someone or their pet project and always be sure that you distort the facts, lie like the devil and pick on a guy who won't answer back.

TO HELL WITH YOU, LARRY T. SHAW!

(an answer to Shaw's "FAPA BULLETIN" dated August 3, 1944)
 (by Walt Daugherty, object of the Shaw slander)

It is my belief that Larry T. Shaw is a cockeyed liar. He makes direct, pointed and slanderous digs at me that are unfounded, unnecessary and definitely show a lack of investigation on his part. In this answer I shall quote him direct from his "BLITZKRIEG" stuff:

"The gentleman obviously doesn't believe in fulfilling the duties and obligations he accepted by joining the FAPA." I directly challenge Mr. Shaw to prove to me in black and white this charge. I HAVE FULFILLED ALL OF THE REQUIREMENTS THAT ARE NECESSARY TO MAKE ME A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING OF THE FAPA. I am ready at all times to handle any office in the FAPA that I am elected to or appointed to by official ballot or notification. May I ask, Mr. Shaw, speaking of "fulfilling duties and obligations" why was my last mailing two weeks later than any other L'A' mailing? Can you explain why I recieved over a half dozen ballots before my mailing arrived? You will find, if you care to check with other L'A' Actifans, that I was questioning everyone of the L'A' FAPA'ers as to what all the ballots were about, and why they were coming to my place AS I HAD RECIEVED NO NOTIFICATION OF ANY FORM ABOUT THEM. By that I mean there was no card, note, letter or other tangible form of request for me to handle the job.

"A simple task like reporting the results of the June election is apparently far too big a job for the whirling dervish of fandom". I have yet to see the job in FAPA that is too big for me (alone) to do. If you care to test me on that point, I again challenge you to pick out the job and try it - BUT, just be sure that I'mis an official appointment and be sure that I am properly notified. Yes, it could've been a simple job. The minute I saw the ballot I could have given you the answer as to who would be elected and what bills would have passed and which would not have. I could have guessed and guessed right but of course I would have to forget the figures. However, I assure you, fellow FAPA members, it was not as simple as this nor was it as simple as counting the ballots and having Mel Brown (who lives across the st. from the club-room) verify my count. There happened to be a third member on that comittee. May I presume to ask, Mr. Shaw, why did you pick Phil Bronson for the comittee? I have absolutely nothing against Phil and believe I can still count him among my fan-friends, but are you aware of the fact that MR. Bronson is no longer interested in fandom? Are you aware that Bronson hasn't been near the L&SFS for over six months? Are you aware that MR. Bronson did not even vote in the FAPA election, being well over a month late with his ballot? Mr. Bronson has no phone at his home. I do. But, Mr. Bronson did not get in touch with me about the FAPA ballots. After your AirMail letter I had to drive 40 miles to Bronson's place to get his signature. Because of a your blasting article and letters to localites I had to CALL BATTLE CREEK ON THE PHONE to straighten it out. Is that what you call a simple task, Mr. Shaw? If you do consider it so, how about re-imbursing me 1 gas coupon, 60 cents for gas, 45 cents for extra postage and \$4.50 for a phone call? How about it, Mr. Shaw?

"He has, I feel, been given every opportunity to make public the election news." You speak as if I were a criminal and the FAPA ballot counting job was my chance for a parole, and that "I feel" puts you in the role of warden. Of the Georgia Chain Gang wardens, no doubt.

"I added a note to my ballot asking Daugherty to send me the results as soon as the count had been made." This should, of course, have been completely unnecessary, as it would seem customary to me to let the new officers in on the big secret of their election." I am amazed Mr Shaw. If it only "seems to be customary" to you how in the devil do you expect me to be guilty of a direct charge unless it is fact and not something that is "customary"? You don't even know the rules governing Ballot procedure yourself without charging someone else with negligence. There may have been rules set up for ballot counters before in the FAPA mailings, I don't recall them, but I have received no notification of the rules that I was to follow on this election. I have only the general conduct of other types of elections to govern my conduct. In all organizations except those specifically designated as special there is a standard set of rules which says that any committee formed shall have the official signature of each member of that committee before an official ballot may be announced. Look it up Mr. Shaw, Look it up! I have told you of the difficulties encountered with one member prior to this paragraph. Mel Brown and I had the ballots counted and ready to mail within two weeks after the ballot deadline but were unable to do so without the Bronson signature.

"But up to now no one in the east has heard a single word from WJ D or his committee." If you care to check up, Mr Shaw, you will find that Al Ashley had an unofficial tally prior to this date or perhaps you do not consider Battle Creek, Michigan as the east?

"A recent air mail special delivery letter to him has been totally ignored. If you think that being too busy to answer a letter is "ignoring someone" let me take this space to say to Ashley, Evans Tucker, Liebscher, Lowdnes, Watson, in fact a great many fans: "I'm ignoring you all."

Time alone will answer your second paragraph.

If, as you claim, you have not been notified of the election results, it seems to me that you are taking a lot for granted by warning the FAPA members and telling what you are going to do with the FAPA mailing. Does this "seem to be customary" to you?

The next time you want anyone to handle a job you might ask them about it and let them know their duties and be sure it is an official appointment. Do you have the power to appoint a ballot - caster? If you are given the power to appoint a committee you should be sure that you know the standings of all the members of that committee and notify the members of said committee to contact the chairman and not have the chairman running all over the country trying to get a member of the committee on the beam.

I have never knowingly shirked any job that I have had in fandom. I will not accept any job unless I am confident that I can fill the requirements of that office.

If I had been contacted on this ballot counting task I would have given you the names of several FAPA localites that could have worked on the committees and things would have been taken care of long before any thing would have come up about the situation.

I am more than glad to fill any job that comes up in fandom that I am either elected into or appointed to, Officially. You have a job which I would like very much to have, that of official editor but what chance would I have when I've always had a few crackpots like you let loose with a bunch of half-baked charges that are so full of holes you could use them for a sieve? Why don't you calamity-howlers sit down and investigate the facts before you shoot off your mouth in print?

I have no doubts that there will be plenty who will jump to your side of the fence on this subject but that is one of the few things wrong with fandom. I was amazed to see how many FAPA members voted to retain degger in the organization. Some people certainly like to help raise the postage on the mailings with his waste-paper and for a group that is supposed to look towards the future it is interesting to note that so many want the proper percentage of the insane in our midst to carry on our ideals.

I make a lot of mistakes, Shaw, and I'm quite sure we all do. To make mistakes is human. We are not robots of perfection yet. But when I get something in the mail like that toilet paper you put out to drag my name through the mud I properly boil.

I challenge you, Mr Shwa to answer this article in FAPA. Let me see you break this up into paragraphs and answer each one with facts that are not a lot of suppositions and hearsay. If you can do it and prove me wrong you will have my apology. Until that time all I can say is, " TO HELL WITH YCU, MR SHAW!!!

FANCYCLOPEDIA

DEFINES

FAPA

ONE of 657 definitions, here's how Speer's FANCYCLOPEDIA defines the FAPA: "The Fantasy Amateur Press Association, constituted in 1937 by Wollheim and Michel. Others soon joined, up to its constitutional limit of 50 (changed to 65 in 1943). The FAPA's first year was stormy with party politics and sociological feuds, and its third year, 1939-40, was marked by the Interregnum. Thereafter the profets of the Third Fandom came into control, and it prospered to become the longest-lived successful fan organization. " It is primarily an agency for distributing to its members publications put out by its members at their own expense. This it does by mailings every three months. Members are required to be active in some way, writing or publishing. There are annual elections in June of a president, vice-president, secretary-treasurer, and official editor (he also does the mailing), who cannot hold the same post again for five years. Other officials are the official critics, laureate committee, and ballot counters. Red tape is at a minimum."