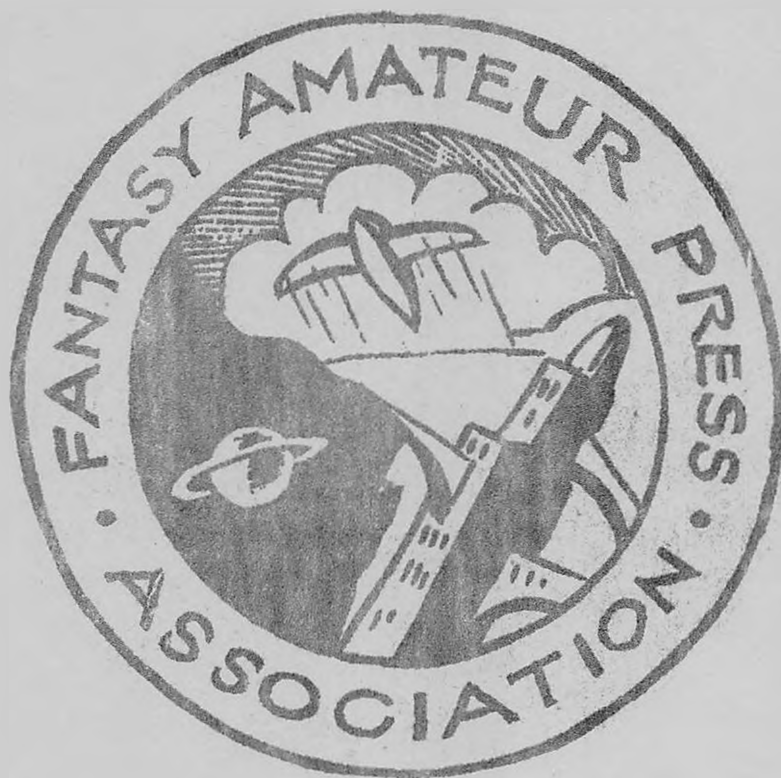


# FAPA BOOK



THE MAILINGS

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## THE MAILINGS

While FAPA mailings have, on the whole, been mailed remarkably close to schedule, there have been a few departures from plan. Herewith, the mailings and their dates:

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| 1     | Fal (Aug) 1937   |
| 2     | Win (Dec)  |
| 3     | Spr (Mar-Apr?) 1938<br>(Mailed in two sections)            |
| 4     | Sum (Jun-Jul?)   |
| 5     | Fal (Sep)  |
| -     | Emergency (Oct)<br>(Coded in the index as F5E)             |
| 6     | Dec  |
| 7     | Mar 1939   |
| 8     | Jun  |
| 9     | Fal (Sep)  |
| 10-11 | Mar 1940 (This is<br>the "Combined" mailing)               |
| 12    | Jun  |
| 13    | Sep  |
| 14    | Dec  |
| 15    | Mar 1941   |
| 16    | Jun  |
| 17    | Sep  |
| 18    | Dec  |
| 19    | Mar 1942   |
| 20    | Jun  |
| 21    | Sep  |
| 22    | Dec  |
| 23    | Mar 1943   |
| 24    | Jun  |
| 25    | Sep  |
| 26    | Dec  |
| 27    | Mar 1944   |
| 28    | Jun  |
| 29    | Sep  |
| 30    | A--November<br>B (The "Bastard" mailing)--<br>January 1945 |
| 31    | Mar  |
| 32    | Jun  |
| 33    | Sep (mailed Nov or Dec)                                    |
| 34    | Dec (mailed Jan or Feb)                                    |
| 35    | Apr 1946   |
| 36    | Jul  |
| 37    | Oct  |
| 38    | Jan 1947   |
| 39    | Apr  |
| 40    | Sum (Jul) (mailed Sep)                                     |

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| 41 | Fal (Oct) 1947 |
| 42 | Win (Feb) 1948 |
| 43 | Spr (May)      |
| 44 | Sum (Aug)      |
| 45 | Fal (Nov)      |

From this point forward, the mailings have remained on the same Feb/May/Aug/Nov schedule. The few oddities that exist, such as the "Miniature Mailing," which was a group postmailing to the 42d mailing, will be noted on the index of that mailing.

To calculate the date of any mailing, divide the number of the mailing by 4 and add 37 to the result. This gives the base year. If the remainder of the division was a zero, it's the August mailing of the base year; if a one, the November mailing; if a two, the February mailing of the following year, and if a three, the May mailing. For example,  $87 \div 4 = 21$ , remainder 3.  $21 + 37 = 58$ . Remainder 3 = May mailing of following year. Hence, mailing 87 was the May 1959 mailing.

Obviously the foregoing formula is valid only from mailing 42 forward, although it is generally valid from the first mailing--the worst case error is only two months.

## THE FIRST YEAR

FAPA's first year was one of rapidly increasing membership as a result of vigorous recruitment; of hit-or-miss mailing dates; of searching for what a FAPA magazine should be; of political pamphleteering; and of violent personal arguments stemming basically from either world politics of the time or the real or assumed immaturity of the participants.

By agreement of the founders--Wollheim and Michel--the first officers were self-appointed. Following the second mailing, an election was held. There is thus a long list of officers for the first year:

First mailing: President, Donald A. Wollheim; Vice-President, Dan McPhail; Secretary-Treasurer, William H. Miller, Jr; Official Editor, John B. Michel.

Second mailing: Miller resigned office, Wollheim assumed his duties.

Third and fourth mailings: President, Donald A. Wollheim; Vice-President, Dan McPhail; Secretary-Treasurer, John V. Baltadonis; Official Editor, Frederik Pohl. Additionally, Pohl with Wollheim's consent appointed Michel as "Mailing Manager" to actually get out the mailings.

### THE FIRST MAILING--FALL (AUGUST) 1937

Amateur Science Review I 1  
Bulletin of the British Interplanetary Society I 4  
-do- I 5  
-do- I 6  
Constitution of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association (I)  
The F.A.P.A. Fan 1  
Imaginative Fiction I 3  
Official GhuGhuist Calendar  
Phantagraph VI 2  
Phantagraph VI 3  
Science Fiction Bard 1  
Solor I 1

Note there was no FA. This did not appear until the third mailing. Although The F.A.P.A. Fan was Wollheim's personal magazine, it carried the basic organizational news for the first several mailings.

### THE SECOND MAILING--WINTER (DECEMBER) 1937

Application for Membership  
Bulletin of the British Interplanetary Society I 7  
-do- I 8  
-do- I 9  
"Dear Member" (Madle)  
"Elect John V. Baltadonis..."  
Fantasy Herald I 1  
F.A.P.A. Fan 2  
F.A.P.A. Fan 3

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- P Galaxy I 1
- Hermes
- A History of the Necronomicon ("Lovecraft Memorial")
- Mentator Magazine
- Meteor I 1
- Phantagraph VI 4
- do-        VI 5
- do-        VI 6
- Rocket I 1
- Science Fiction Advertiser 1
- Solor I 2 ("Junior Science Fiction combined with Solor")

P? Zenith Foundation

Voice of the Gostak 1

Per The F.A.P.A. Fan, there should have been a ballot in this mailing. There must have been, since there was an election. No indexer or reviewer mentions it.

Zenith Foundation is indexed only by Shaw. Speer, in Sisyphos in the 92nd mailing, implies FAPA distribution. Reviews in the early mailings (and there was little in the way of mailing comments then) do not mention it. Shaw does not list it as a postmailing-- that's my assumption.

Galaxy was probably the first FAPA postmailing.

THE THIRD MAILING--SPRING (MARCH-APRIL?) 1938

This mailing was sent out in two sections due to its size. It wasn't that large by today's standards, but it was larger than the first two mailings. The "A's" and "B's" below designate the sections. The division of the mailing into sections was apparently arbitrary.

Shaw indexed a postmailed "ballot for elections" to this mailing. Since there were no elections, this may have been the ballot for the second mailing.

- A Bulletin of the Leeds Science Fiction League 1
- B Concerning a Manuscript Bureau for the FAPA
- A Constitution of the Fantasy Amateur Press Association (I)
- P "Dear FAPA Member"
- B "Dear Members of the FAPA"
- B Fantasy Amateur I 1
- A Fantasy Amateur Press Association (throwaway ad)(indexed only by Ellik)
- A Fantasy Herald I 2
- B FAPA emblem
- A The F.A.P.A. Fan 4
- B First National Science-Fiction Convention Bulletin I 1
- A Galaxy I 2
- A Interplanetary Tales I 1
- B Loke Vol Sol, No Sol
- A Mailing Manager's Notice
- B Missing Sea-Serpent
- B Mutation or Death
- B Queer Tales I 1
- A Rocket I 2

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continuing the third mailing

A Science Fiction Fan Supplement (sic) 14Feb38  
A ...scientificcinemagazinextraordinary...  
B Selections from Tennyson  
A Solor I 3  
A Solor I 4  
B Solor I 5  
B Solor I 6  
A Strange 1  
B Vagrant 1  
A Vodoso (mimeographed drawing by)  
B Way Out West I 1  
A World Gone Mad

THE FOURTH MAILING--SUMMER (JUNE-JULY?) 1938

Bulletin of the Leeds Science Fiction League 2 (plus one page,  
"L.S.F.L. Bibliography....")  
"calling card from 4e" (indexed by Ellik as FEderal 2231, by  
McPhail as Business Card)  
"Dear S-t-f fan" (plus envelope addressed to all fans) (I assume  
this is the item Shaw indexed as "An Important Letter.")  
Fantasy Amateur I 2  
The F.A.P.A. Fan 5  
The F.A.P.A. Fan 6  
P Foo (see note below)  
Galaxy 3  
Ho--Hum  
Just Things I 1  
Mirquirius  
"My Platform is---"  
Rejected - Convention Committee  
Reslution on the Newark Convention  
Rocket I 3  
S-F Debater I 1  
Solor II 1; II 2; II 3  
This F.A.P.A. Election  
To All Readers, Writers, and Enthusiasts...  
Truth About the ISA  
"A vote for Olon F. Wiggins...."  
Way Out West I 2  
Who are the Friends of the I.S.A?

Foo, Like the Zenith Foundation, causes indexing problems. At least Shaw and Ellik agree that it exists. A Speer comment in the fifth mailing implies that Foo was postmailed to F4. Years later (c.1950+) Speer cites this as "Morals and Dogma of Foo," but I cannot find that useage at the time. I've never seen the magazine.

There were three issues of Solor. I changed the listing style to conserve space which I'm now using up by talking about it.

## THE SECOND YEAR

The first year had really been a remarkable success. Four mailings had been produced, membership had grown close to the limit of fifty, elections had been held. In the second year the mailings started to get fatter and the Fapazine started taking form. The politics--internal and external--continued, as did the feuds, charges of election irregularities, attempts to form power groups within and outside of FAPA, and the rest. In those days there was no secret master of fandom--or, if there was, his control was exercised like that of another Master.

Elected to office for FAPA's second year of operations were:

President--John B. Michel  
Vice-President--Robert W. Lowndes  
Secretary-Treasurer--James V. Taurasi  
Official Editor--Donald A. Wollheim

This slate lasted out the fifth and the "emergency" mailings (which is considered a sub-part of the fifth mailing). Information on changes in officials will be noted as part of the mailing in which the change occurred or was announced.

### THE FIFTH MAILING--FALL (SEPTEMBER) 1938

Day Dreaming	<u>Open Letter to Donald A. Wollheim</u>
Fantasy Amateur I 3	Phantagraph VII 1
Fantasy Herald I 3	Ramblings <u>1</u> (also contains
The F.A.P.A. Fan <u>7</u>	"Addendum to Ramblings 1")
Futurian II 1	Science Fiction Advertiser <u>3</u>
Incredible I 1	Science Fiction Debater <u>2</u>
Masked Spaceman Jun 38	Science Fiction Miscellany <u>1</u>
Meteor I 2	Solor II 4
Nucleus I 1	P Sustaining Program Fall F/38
	P Vision

### THE EMERGENCY MAILING--OCTOBER 1938 (Coded F5E in this index)

This was probably actually mailed in November. Its purpose was to announce the resignation of several officers; First, VP Lowndes. Michel appointed Wiggins to the vacancy. Second, President Michel. Wiggins automatically became President. Third, OE Wollheim. More on the new officers under the sixth mailing, when they actually took office.

This mailing went out in two sections. The second section consisted of Democracy in Danger, Paths of Glory, Solor II 5, and one other item of which I'm not sure. This has caused some confusion in other indexes of this mailing, but I think the list that follows is correct.

Democracy in Danger	Ramblings <u>1</u> (contains Addendum
Fantasy Amateur I 4	A and Addendum B to Ramblings 1)
Futurian II 2	Reader and Collector <u>1</u>
Galaxy <u>4</u>	Science Fiction News Letter II 14
"Open Letter to Oneself"	Scientific Thinker I 1
Paths of Glory	Scientific Thinker I 2
Phantasy Press I 4	Solor II 5

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continuing the emergency mailing

P University of Chicago Round-  
table--"The Future of  
Democracy" (with slip-in  
indicating FAPA distribu-  
tion by Speer)                      Way Out West I 3  
Weird & Fantasy Fiction I 2

You'll note that Ramblings 1 is listed in both F5 and F5E.  
It's a reprint to correct lack of legibility, and with added  
material (Addendum B) in the F5E version. I won't swear it's an  
exact reprint--the F5 version was very illegible indeed! Or at  
least my copy is these 24 years later.

THE SIXTH MAILING--DECEMBER 1938

Announcing the Science Fiction Forum I 1	Galaxy <u>5</u>
The Contributor <u>3</u>	Meteor I 3
Cosmic Tales contents page from I 7	Nucleus I 2
Fantasy Amateur II 1	Phantasy Progress
Fantasy Fiction Telegram	Ramblings <u>2</u>
Full Length Articles <u>1</u>	Science Fiction Debater <u>3</u>
	Science Fiction News Letter II 24
	S F Checklist <u>1</u>

Both Coslet and McPhail indicated that Galaxy might have been  
postmailed.

The officers at the time of this sixth mailing were--  
P - Wiggins; VP - Walter E. Marconette; ST - Taurasi;  
and OE - Milton A. Rothman.

THE SEVENTH MAILING--MARCH 1939

The same officials remained in office! Could they finish out  
FAPA's second year? It wasn't to be. In the postmailed "Dear  
Member..." Madle announced that Rothman had been called to Washington  
and Madle would handle the eighth mailing.

P Amateur Science Fiction Journalist Mar 39	Futurian News I 5
Chaos I 1	Galaxy I 6
P Comment <u>1</u>	LBF (photo-offset drawing by)
P "Dear Member of the FAPA"	Manifesto on Freedom of Science
"Dear Science Fiction Reader" (Fantascience Digest ad)	Novacious I 1
Fantasy Amateur II 2	Novacious I 2
Fantasy Graphic I 1	P Phantasy Press II 1
F.A.P.A. Special I 1	Portfolio of Poetry by Sarco- phagus W. Dribble
Flabbergasting Stories I 1	Science Fiction Debater <u>4</u>
Futurart <u>1</u>	Science Fiction Variety I 1
Futurian Amateur <u>8</u> (formerly the F.A.P.A. Fan)	SF (greeting card)
Futurian Amateur <u>9</u>	SF Bolshevik
Futurian Fan <u>1</u>	SF Check-List <u>2</u>
	Sweetness and Light I 1
	Vagrant <u>2</u>

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Le Vombiteur Litteraire 2

Le Zombie 3

THE EIGHTH MAILING--JUNE 1939

The masthead of the FA still carried Rothman as Editor, but Madle and Agnew actually put the mailing out. The situation was similar to the "Mailing Manager" appointment of the prior year, except that the approval of the President was not obtained. On July 11, VP Marconette ruled that since Rothman had not resigned he was still OE, and that "Mr. Rothman had no constitutional right to impart his power in whole or in part, to anyone."

Article Ten	Nova I 1
P "ballot for elections"	Novacious I 3
P "ballot for elections"	P Phantasy Press II 2
Contributor <u>4</u>	Ramblings <u>3</u>
Cosmic Tales I 10	Reader and Collector I 2
Cosmic Tales I 11	Science Fiction Forum I 2
Cosmic Tales I 12	S F Check-List <u>3</u>
Fantasy Amateur II 3	S-F Fascist I 1
P Full Length Articles <u>2</u> , Section	Sustaining Program Spr/F39
I (pages i-iv + 8 + last	Sweetness and Light I 2
page)	"This election...."
Galaxy <u>7</u>	Vagrant <u>3</u>
Incredible I 2	Vision <u>2</u>
Invisible Stories	Z Z Zug's Gazette I 1
Lex	

There were two ballots. The first set, mailed June 14th by Taurasi, were declared invalid since they had been sent to all members rather than just the active members. The second set was mailed in mid-July by Wiggins.

Shaw indexes a postmailed Constitution and an item, "Messieurs et mesdames...." I find no confirmation in other sources. Shaw also lists "Nova" as "A Nova Burst's," which is the heading of the second sheet. The second sheet was also the only sheet I owned for some time, only later acquiring what appears to be the FAPA set--cover, contents page, and flyer.

Phantasy Press is indexed by McPhail in the ninth mailing, while Speer, in the ninth mailing, cites this as a postmailing to the eighth, then qualifies it as a pre-mailing to the ninth. In the combined mailing (10-11) the official critic's report reviews it with the eighth. So be it!

I should mention that, at that time, there was no agreement on mailing numbers. In general, references at the time will be one number higher than the mailing number I give. I've seen 3A and 3B counted as separate mailings, with 5E ignored entirely, but I believe that in most cases 5E was counted as 6, thus throwing off the count. The combined mailing (10-11) resolves the discrepancy. This, by the way, is not my invention--Shaw's index used the same scheme, and 10-11 was announced at the time as a double mailing.

## THE THIRD YEAR

"The F.A.P.A. is in a mess. The worst mess it has ever been in." Those are the opening words of President Rothman's message in the FA for the ninth mailing. Milty might not have been so cheerful had he known what the year had in store.

Both sets of ballots to the eighth mailing were questioned. The announced winners, under the second ballot, were--

President - Rothman  
Veep - Speer

Sec-Treas - Madle  
OE - Marconette

In the Fall of 39, Speer took a poll of members present at the Philco and contacted by mail members not present. Results confirmed second ballot results. However, throughout the year, Speer and Rothman considered themselves as caretakers, "acting" officers. They clearly saved FAPA in this trying year.

The trials for this year were the quasi-official status of the slate of officers; the difficulty of obtaining FAPA funds and prior records from the former Secretary-Treasurer (finally obtained in February 1940 by Rothman (and Perdue) in a trip to New York for that purpose; sending out the first mailing without funds or a good membership list; the resignation of Marconette following that mailing--apparently Marconette had never filed for office, and his name was placed on the ballot without his knowledge; the enforced missing of the November-December mailing due to the fund/record situation; and finally Agnew's failure to send out the June mailing--which led to the famed Blitzkrieg by Rothman, Speer and Perdue. Agnew had been appointed OE following Marconette's resignation.

### THE NINTH MAILING--FALL (OCTOBER) 1939

The Fantasy Amateur III 1	Reader and Collector I 3
The Fight (Section Two)	Science Fiction Debater II 1
Full Length Articles <u>2</u> , (Section 2)	S F Check-List <u>4</u>
	S-F Fascist II 1
P Novacious I 4	Sustaining Program Sum/F39
Ramblings <u>4</u>	P Sweetness and Light I 3

The Fantasy Amateur changed its numbering scheme so that its volume numbers corresponded to changes in officialdom.

### THE TENTH AND ELEVENTH MAILINGS (THE COMBINED MAILING)--MARCH 1940

a <u>1</u>	Oklahoma Institute of Private Opinion
A I 1	
"Christmas Cheer" (card from Robins)	Ramblings <u>5</u>
	Ramblings <u>6</u>
Fantasy Amateur III 2	Reader and Collector I 4
Fantasy Herald I 4	Science Fiction Debater II 2
FAPA Correspondent I 1	S-F Bolshevik <u>2</u>
Golden Atom throwaway ad	Sustaining Program Fal 39
Lee Lantern III 2	Sustaining Program Spr 40
Milty's Mag Mar 40	Sweetness and Light I 4

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Tales of Infinity ("Second Edition") ("Second Edition") "To Members of the FAPA--" 15 Dec 39  
"To the members of the FAPA"  
(Throwaway ad for Spaceways)

Speer, in the 92nd mailing, mentioned that this "To Members..." note of 15 Dec might have been an intermailing. At least half of the extra bundles for mailing 10-11 had this item, so I very much doubt that it was mailed separately by Speer.

THE TWELFTH MAILING--JUNE 1940

This was the Blitzkrieg mailing. Although Agnew was OE, the mailing was actually put out by Rothman, Speer and Perdue. A glorious way to end a troubled year!

Chaos I 2	Polaris I 4
Chicago Convention 1940	Ramblings <u>7</u>
Fantasy Amateur III 3	Reader and Collector I 5
FAPA Ballot, 1940	Sci-Fic Variety I 2
Milty's Mag Jun 40	S F Check-List <u>5</u>
Novacious <u>5</u>	Sustaining Program Sum 40
Nucleus I 3	Sweetness and Light II 1
Phantagraph VIII 1	Vombiteur III 7
Polaris I 3	Vote!
	Le Zombie <u>29</u>

THE FOURTH YEAR

"What we should fight for most, this year, is mailings on time" says President Tucker in the FA for the 13th mailing. This was achieved, and with it came stability. At last FAPA could settle down to a routine and reliable existence. I'll have fewer historical notes from this point forward.

Elected officials for the fourth year (July 1940 - June 1941) were--

President - Tucker	Sec-Treas - Rothman
Veep - Warner	OE - Perdue

Also adopted at this time was a new FAPA constitution. With this, which helped remove some prior ambiguities, with Rothman to straighten out the membership books, and with a slate of officers who had little interest in fannish feuding, a FAPA identity had a better chance to emerge.

An incidental comment--since I don't want to start the next mailing on this page--is that I've never seen proper recognition of Perdue's role. While not a prime mover, he seemed to be around when a helping hand was needed.

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, FBI  
SUBJECT: [Illegible]

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THE THIRTEENTH MAILING--SEPTEMBER 1940

"Best Wishes" (Rosenblum)	Haute Histoire du Jimmy
Constitution of the Fantasy	Milty's Mag Fal 40
Amateur Press Association (II)	Novacious <u>6</u>
Directory of Current British	Nucleus I 4
Fan Magazines	Pseudo-Futurian <u>1</u>
Extracts from the Futurian <u>1</u>	Sardonyx I 1
Fantasy Amateur III 4	Science-Fiction Sheet <u>1</u>
FAPA Review I 1	Sustaining Program Fal 40

THE FOURTEENTH MAILING--DECEMBER 1940

Blind Awakening	Midwest Marky--in the FAPA
Blitzkrieg	Milty's Mag (Dec 40)
P Electron	P Novacious <u>7</u>
Fantasy Amateur IV 1	P Polaris II 1
FAPA Special Ballot Dec 40	P Ramblings <u>8</u>
Fifth (World's Fair) Conven-	Reader and Collector I 6
tion May 40	P Sardonyx I 2
Grotesque (III)	Science Fiction Miscellany <u>2</u>
Horizons II 2	S F Check-List <u>6</u>
I'd like you FAPAers to meet	Sustaining Program Win 40
Cyril Kornbluth	"This was to have been a snap
Lovecraftian I 1	of Freddie Pohl..."

Electron, Polaris, and Sardonyx are indexed by Shaw but did not appear in the Ellik index and are not in my own collection. All other items appear in at least two of the three collections or indexes. The 14th was, unfortunately, the last mailing indexed by Ellik. My mailings 10-18 have passed through several hands, but if memory serves they're the bound Tucker mailings, bought by Norm Stanley at Philadelphia in 47 and later somehow acquired by me, probably courtesy of Chauvenet.

THE FIFTEENTH MAILING--MARCH 1941

'calling card from 4e"	Oasis d'Horreur, L' <u>1</u>
Fan-Tale I 2	Phantagraph VIII 4
Fantaseer <u>5</u>	photo of Fred Pohl
Fantasy Amateur IV 2	P Ramblings <u>9</u>
Horizons II 3	P Reader and Collector II 1
P Mikros II 1	Strange Fantasy
Milty's Mag "coming of age	P Sustaining Program Spr 41
issue"	Time Scanner I 1
Nachgemachte Schildkrotensuppe <u>1</u>	Vombiteur III 9

Shaw listed but I lack the calling card, Mikros, and the photo.

THE SIXTEENTH MAILING--JUNE 1941

ballot for elections	"Dear Fellow FAPAs"
Bolide I 1	Fantasy Amateur IV 3
Censored I 1	Fantasy Faction Field
Cussmos	Fantasy Views 13Jun41
Cyclops I 1	The FAPA Fan <u>10</u>

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Fellow FAPA'ns	Sardonyx I 3
Guteto <u>1</u>	Science Fiction: Hobby or Duty?
Horizons II 4	Science Fiction Terrier <u>1</u>
Inter Nos I 1	Sci-Fic Variety <u>3</u>
Milty's Mag Jun 41	Sound Off! I 1
Phantagraph VIII 5	Sustaining Program Sum 41
Phantagraph VIII 6 ("...and Mind of Man.")	Time Scanner I 2
Polaris II 2	Vagabondia <u>1</u>
Reader and Collector II 2	Vagabondia <u>2</u>
	Vombiteur III 12
	Yhos <u>1</u>

The Futurians, whose activity had been notably absent from FAPA, suddenly showed up with a number of magazines. I'm missing the ballot for that mailing and don't know who was running for office, but a quick glance at the mailing shows Lowndes was running for President, Wollheim for Veep. The election pitch was strict constitutional interpretation and Turn the Rascals Out. Admittedly I just glanced over this material in the process of typing this note, but I'm left wondering if they knew that Speer had not held an elective office during this fourth year of FAPA.

The index to the fifth year of FAPA will start on the next page.