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AN OPEN LETTER TO THE MEMBERS OF THE FAPA:

The mess of misrepresentations, misspellings, and sheer manure pouring forth from Claude Degler alias Don Rogers has reached such a point that it seems essential to me that the FAPA take some definite and unmistakable action in the matter. Degler's expulsion from Los Angeles did not have the hoped for results---at least, during the past week, someone has had three bowel movements postmarked Newcastle, Indiana; and put them in our mailbox. It is to be regretted that "superfan" could not have enough sense to keep his mouth shut, but at the rate he is popping off, he is a nuisance in fandom of approximately the same calibre as a large and loathsome blowfly on a hot day.

It would ordinarily be best, perhaps, to ignore this creature; as a rule, outbursts from irresponsible adolescents are best left unnoticed. Complete neglect usually consigns such corruption to the limbo of oblivion.

In this particular instance, however, his free bandying about of fans' names; and the utter insanity of his alleged publications (puke-lications, I call 'em!) make him a definite menace to the peace of mind of any fan such as myself who takes fandom seriously. It is obvious to all of us that Degler does not represent fandom in any way, but the tone of his publications is certain to mislead young, uninformed, and impressionable fans.

Therefore, I respectfully request that the membership of FAPA seriously consider, and that the organization acts upon some method of expelling Claude Degler from this organization for conduct unbecoming a member.

I further request that some public action be taken in the case of Raymond Washington. I personally believe that Raym has been misled by Degler; I cannot believe that any fan could possibly know the whole facts in connection with the Cosmic Circle, and still support this organization; but his present connection with the CC is something wholly incompatible with his membership in FAPA. Therefore, I believe that Raym Washington should be asked to choose between Degler and the FAPA.

Perhaps these are strong measures. No fan knowing the facts of the case can possibly object to them.

What do you say, President Ashley? Are you not perhaps in a position to start the ball rolling?

Yours disgustedly,

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We, the undersigned members of FAPA, concur wholeheartedly in this letter.

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