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FR 417

This is Fantasy Rotater 417, beginning the 33rd CULTcycle and the 1980th year since the Jew who was nailed up was born, published by Barry B. Longyear who looks upon the new cycle and the new decade with great optimism: after all, this could just be a bad dream.

There should be a few observations concerning the dregs of the 32nd Cycle's FR, 416 published by A Well Known Rejector Of Manuscripts. I hope everyone had as much fun with GHS's new copying machine as he is obviously having. I know I did [George, see if 3M has a softer stock; the stuff you are using now is a little harsh on the old sphincter]. The pubdate confusion problem has now been solved. Observe:

THE ROSTER

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BUSINESS:

Saved: Fitch. Maybe unlimboed: Wolkoff. Canned for lactivity: Meg Phillips (and after autographing all of your damned copies of IASFM and ASFAM at NorthAmeriCon and Philcon!). All of the AWL'ers move up one and The Webb slips in the back door as AWL #5. New sucker, Michael P. Smith, added to the IWL, and both Smith & Pavlac still pending OAction to become honest-to-gawd almost-members. Pelz is NEXT PUB, and his pubdate is 28 January. He has not announced latepub, so if your letter isn't in the mail, tough.

OA ELECTION RESULTS:

A. Pathy (6), Scithers (3), AWKG (3), YaleF (1). Since A. Pathy is not a member, it is a tie between Scithers and AWKG, to be resolved by currently presiding OA Crayne. [How must it feel to be a kingmaker?]

THE VORZIMER AWARD

1. Nominations: YaleF & AWKG by Scithers.
2. I (Longyear) move that the formal motion for the award be written and printed in a near-future FR so's we can see it.
3. I (Longyear) also move that GHS be charged with designing and producing the award because he made the first nomination, let the motion pass in his FR without finding out what it was, has award producing experience, and has a steady job.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

FROM GHS

Dear CULT & all:

As it turned out, the copier won't handle a sheet more than about 4 feet long -- the copy paper wrinkles badly and the copying powder comes out in messy blobs and splotches. As a result, I had to do it in four and three foot lengths, then splice 'em all together. At least it beats doing f/rationals on slices of lunchmeat...[Perhaps. bbl]

Also did forward copies of TRC (The Ratified Constitution of the CULT) to Anastassiou, Tompson, Webb, & Pavlac. That runs me out of left-overs from the last printing of the same; I do hope our about-to-be-ex OA will soon publish the promised issue of the CULTstitution, with enough extras to send to new applicants for a while. [We all awaiteth, Chucketh. bbleth]

Work continuing to pile up. While I'm pretty current on such things as paying bills (I have plenty of money, understand; the problem's time to write out the checks...), there's an issue of Amra that got about half-done a couple of months ago, and the book on how to write SF, which has been hung up for two months more than that ... org!

Speaking of which -- when the Tepper's ook ook? LASFS-speak? Org and Oog, both meaning baaad stories in Asimov's-editorial-staff-speak [none of whom can English-speak. bbl], come from Pogo; ook ook is new to me (but for previous Tepperian remarks.

My nomination for the Vorzim(m)er is YaleF and AW-KG, for thinking up the whole idea [This is beginning to sound like the Nebulas. bbl].

(Someone once did do a f/rational on lunchmeat, so none of you need do it again.) Don Fitch once had a set of 18 identical cacti, with the intent of mailing them out as a f/rational, but nothing ever came of that (alas). [A sticky situation, no doubt. bbl]

Enough: George H. Scithers [his scribble].

FROM SHARON THE WEBB

Dear Members of the CULT:

I was touched when I received FR 416. How kind of George Scithers to send such a useful FR. Unfortunately, it didn't quite fit on my bathroom roll.

It is nice to learn that CULT members are using their minds. [Sharon, this is a misconception. The CULT has one mind -- quite schizo -- and the members trade off. bbl] Good girl, Diane Crayne, to take up Zen. I would like to share with you a provocative Koan taught to me by an old and wise oriental. He asked, "What is the sound of one hand crapping?" [C'mon, Sharon, everyone knows that: "Op, op." bbl]

Sharon Webb.

P.S. The Ayatollah Hominy grits on mah nerves.

[This won't be published until after I see you at Chattacon, Sharon, and so if you are wondering why I punched you in the mouth, that was it. bbl]

AT LAST DON FITCH FINDS A GOOD PLOT

Dear George & Cult: [Right on the ball, there, Don. bbl]

If this doesn't reach you by your deadline (and if, of course, you are

sticking precisely to the rules, and if I didn't write to Joyce), please put me back on the Waitlist, I guess [No can do cuz your letter made it into mine. bbl]. (Well, frankly, the Cult's pretty dull, of late, even though a few of the members (mostly new ones) are writing interesting letters. [which says a thing or two about the old members, eh? bbl])

I don't seem to have FR 415, but recall wanting to mention to Joyce something sparked by her comment several months ago about having babies at home, rather than in a hospital. While in Louisville for NorthAmeriCon, over Labor Day, I went out to Cave Hill Cemetary to visit the maternal Family Plot. It's fairly new--my mother's parents came over from Switzerland & Germany only about 150 years ago--and not characteristic, since neither of my uncles had any children, but throughout the older section a pattern may be discerned. There will be a largish tombstone for a man, several smaller ones for his successive wives, a few for children, and numerous tiny ones for babies, often with the date on one of the latter corresponding closely with the death date on that of the woman adjacent. It's touching [well, it seems that everyone at NorthAmeriCon attended something. bbl], and quite natural, but somehow I think I'd prefer a hospital, with all of its drawbacks. [Don, are you pregnant? bbl].

After reading Yale's comments on NorthAmeriCon, I agreed with him a bit overmuch -- i.e., more than I do after more thorough consideration. In retrospect, it seems to me to have been a quite enjoyable con, both for me and for most of the people who attended. Other people would have produced a different sort of con, certainly, but I strongly suspect that it would not have been a much better one. There seems to be a Growing Trend in Fandom to Organize Things... not just to the degree that this is Necessary as fandom grows larger, but as a Goal and a Value in itself. Why, you can even see it happening in the LASFS. Some people are actually trying to encourage/nudge all of the attending members to participate in the official meeting, whereas a lot of us are perfectly happy wandering around socializing in the front building or the yard. Certainly, I'm not going to object to a highly-organized & thoroughly-planned convention -- such is much less likely to be a Disaster than an inadequately-planned one -- but I'm not sure but that some people (hi, Yale) are carrying Organization well past the point of necessity. But then, I've just about decided that a con of over ca. 1,000 people is Too Big for me.

Is it just me, and maybe the holiday season, or are things getting more hectic in fandom? Parties seem to be proliferating in the LArea, there seems to be a lot more personal interaction going on (Pelz has been talking about revising The Chart, and people have been speculating on how many steps it would take to connect X with Y (Pelz with Digby, &cet)), new apas are popping up all over the place (even though many older ones are lamenting their decline), brilliant new fans are bursting upon the scene & old-timers are coming out of the woodwork... One begins to wonder if there is going to be enough Communication for fandom to remain an Entity.

Enough, with best wishes for the holiday season and the New Year,
Don.

CONLON SHOOTS US THE LATEST NEWS FROM THE FRONT

Barry Longyear, Interrupted Latepubbing Author and FRpubber:

One might refer to FR 416 as a very lengthy diatribe, or some such, as it is plainly the longest I have ever seen. Delivered in a box, yet! To inscribe a full FR on sclices of salami may be the next ploy...

Carter made Ford look good, and now Teddy is making Carter look like a possible winner. His quaint comment about the inhuman bastardy of the Shah is a sign that the Harvard exam he cheated on was probably history. In the same half century as Kindly Adolph, Good Old Uncle Joe, Chairman Folksy Mao, and the Proletarian to End all Proletarians, Pol Pot, the Shah is a piker. Even the rabidest ravers only charge him with 100,000 croakings. Idi Amin did better than that in a smaller country. Kennedy may have inherited the Ford virus, which causes one to place the foot in the mouth before speaking.....

In addition to his Good Gun Laws, which would render a couple thousand bucks of my property unsalable, untransferable, and so forth, I gather he had

another one up to prevent filthy rich families from passing on their tainted cash to their unworthy heirs, instead of giving it to the kindly IRS to put into high rise slums. He seems to admire the British laws, which have been known to tax an heir 110%, namely, the heir handed over every cent he got from Dear Old Dad, and then had to hock something to pay them 10% extra to take it of his hands. I gather that Sweden has outdone this recently. I also wonder how Ted would look if his pappy's cash had gone into a New Integrated South Boston High, with armor plated shutters and so forth, instead of into his own exchequer? As a relatively poor lace curtain Irish pol, would he have been worth a good Goddam on his own? [Smokey, if you are nominating Ted Kennedy for the Vorzimer Award, you will have to express yourself more clearly. bbl]

The Holy Shiitepoke continues to fulminate, and his charges get so wierd even the militants have to be gullible as hell to swallow them/ Since the Tabriz uprising, and the shooting of a high official, using a dread Israeli UZI SMG and two corrupted Colt automatics made in the Satanic USA, it becomes clear to the Chief Shithead that the CIA Done It, Helped By The Dread SAVAK. [Just who are you nominating for the Vorzimer? bbl]. Gee we're smart. With the bulk of our diplomats locked and bound, we can still screw his holy movements. Could it be that some of those Americans who came over to shout Screw the Shah slogans might be CIA assassins? For Shame. It occurs to me that someone may be making up documents to order with embassy equipment. The USSR has put out a number of secret US papers in the past that sounded nearly as thick-tongued as officialese of the genuine sort. At times they used Russian style phrasing and gave it away.....The things the hostages are quoted on sometimes sound like they were ghost written by a bunch who speak English as a second or third language. The first and second of course being Iranian and Russian.....

There has been some identified PLO influence in the deal too. My prediction for the long haul still holds. Iran loses, we lose, the USSR gains. Only with a turbulent crowd of religious fanatics would they win? I gather the best selling samizdat in Russia is Korans.....They may yet regret the swallowing of the Czechs and Polacks, but the Iranians would be a hot mouthful for a while. The influence of the Good Soldier Schweik may take a few more decades to show....

The main move we can take may be to raise our ante around the Middle East and base some forces closer to the trouble scene, since some small and non-hostile shiekdoms are threatened by the South Yemenis and Khadafi. [Nam, do I hear you callin'?bbl] We will probably quit selling them grub, and let them buy our wheat from the USSR, the same way we have bought Rhodesian chrome from Kindly Brezhnev....They'll find it costs...And comes with a lot of louts with AK weapons.....

You think WE got troubles? Locate a copy of Tristan Jones' book, Ice, The Perilous Voyage or Saga of a Wayward Seaman. I found some good cussing in Ice and also some lyrical prose about the land and people of the West of Ireland, the people of the Blaskets, Aran, and so forth. He has nearly lost his ass numerous times, as he had to go swimming 3 times in WWII when his ships sank. He was blown up by Kindly guerillas off the coast of what used to be Aden, and told he would never walk again. He has fooled a lot of doctors. Immerse yourself in that and forget the wild eyed Ayatollah and the wild haired Teddy and his lapsus linguae.....Enjoy, enjoy...

Yalef's data on Jane Byrnes sounds like real fun and games out of Chi. What will she do when the snow flies? Right now there is a transit strike. I rode some trains in from Sheridan in 1953 while waiting for walking papers, and a lot of people go on them. I can figure all those folks riding one to a car. I can figure traffic tied up for miles. No thanks. I hope Yalef has a survival closet loaded with goodies, as it may be a long haul to the deli....

Price says he has a couple others on the way, and I hope he finishes A Trooper of the 15th Horse which will probably be the best military tale of its sort since Charles Finney's The Old China Hands. Price pulls no punches, so it will be damn near X rated.....Like his bout with Osai, a lady of the evening Japonais, a very elegant deal in which little was spoken and little talk was needed, but a performance of the most elegant, n'ect ce pas? I had a chance to read that chapter in rough draft. Amusing and good stuff.

I have to rewrite the last bit of my story of the Japanese dame and the KMAGer, as Korea is even farther along than I had thought. I did include a derilict boat in my scene of the fishing village. I went back to P'ong-pori in 1978, and damned if they didn't have a played out sailboat rotting on the beach!

May you never need to defecate outdoors in 60 below...(Read Jones!)
a votre dante
Old Smokey.

FRESH MEAT!

Barry,

Joyce Scrivner hooked me on this Cult, or The Cult [actually, that's the CULT. bbl], at the last MINNSTF meeting. She informed me that application for membership consisted of a 300 page letter typed on Liquid Paper. She later amended that to 300 words (typed on Liquid Paper nonetheless). [We don't have a ruling on that, Mike. You could have typed it on liquid baloney if you wanted to. bbl]

My wife, Sarah, merely sighed, knowing what a wonderous influence this will be to our children (when we have them--the first is due in March 80). [Ignore Sarah. Begin reading your FR's to her bellybutton. Infect your child early! bbl].

I notice a number of Mpls people on the Cult membershit list. It must be the weather that makes us so cold and tyrannicle.

I've never seen a raw goat.

Sid Viscious was a great artist.

I'm really serious about that last remark. Sid was a genius. Science Fiction has much to learn from Sid. So does Fandom.

We really -- [Mike, do you realize just how much extra space one sentence paragraphs eat up? bbl] -- need some new wave filksongs.

As an example I offer "Friggin' In The Riggin'" off the Sex Pistols album THE GREAT ROCK AND ROLL SWINDLE [I'll say it was. That title comes from Mitchner's Hawaii. bbl]. As a further example I offer "Who Killed Bambi?"

Too bad I can't sing as good as Sid and Johnny (Rotten), or I'd sing 'em for ya.

I once sang lead with a punk band called Testicular Atrophy.

Did you know that it is against the law to sing out of tune in North Carolina (Maybe that's why Link Wray's early albums with the Wraymen were instrumental)? [Instrumental in doing what? bbl]

Good thing I was in Wisconsin at the time. --[Shit! I WANT A RULING FROM THE OA ON ONE SENTENCE PARAGRAPHS, OR AT LEAST THIS GUY SENT AWAY TO THE SUMMER SESSION OF THE not so FAMOUS WRITERS SCHOOL!!! bbl]--

My first contact with either you or your writing was your story "Priest of the Baraboo." I'm not much for priests (sorry) [So, like sit on it, man, you know! Anyway, Bunsome was a historian. bbl] but I loved the circus. I remember thinking [don't brag. bbl] Ah-hah, another Wisconsin writer; quite possibly one who lives in southern Wisconsin, maybe within hitch-hiking distance of the Circus World Museum, as I lived in Appleton, Wisconsin at the time; writing, but not publishing. [Never been there, but use the CWM Library by mail order. bbl].

Did you know that Joe McCarthy's grave is the only one in St. Mary's Cemetary in Appleton that does not face east? The grave is actually worth a visit. Beautiful setting. High on the bluffs overlooking the Fox River. Maybe Joe figures that Harry Houdini will save him from certain damnation. So in the meantime, why not enjoy the view. [Ah, to be in the graveyard now that the grass is brown. bbl].

Well, this must be 300 words. So continued luck with your career. [Luck had nothing whatsoever to do with it. It just so happens that I have a few pictures of some editors and publishers with Yolanda the Duck at Sloan's Motel. bbl] Been nice talking to you, and to those of you listening in: Hey There, Hi There, Ho There.

Michael R. Smith [his scribble]

FROM ME

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sick

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it.

BBL.

