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It is published for The Cult, George Scithers officiating, and distributed to Them, but also to certain others for their amazement and bewildering.

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The untimely death of *Lee Jacobs* on February 17 has thrown a shadow over this Period. In as much as some of the letters and comments published here may appear in odd contrast to the event, I think it worth mentioning that most of the material was written without knowledge of *Lee's* death. He will be remembered.

THE HOLY ROSTER: March 4, 1968

CULT

	210	211	PUBDATE
1. Chuck Crayne, 1050 Ridgewood Pl., Los Angeles, CA 90038	N	Y	Oct 21
2. Fred Lerner, 98-B, The Boulevard, East Paterson, NJ 07407	Pub	Y	Nov 11
3. George R Heap, Box 1487, Rochester, NY 14603	Y	Pub	Dec 2
4. Gordon Eklund, % Donaho, Box 1284, Berkely, CA 94701	Y	p/c	Mar 25
5. Al Snider, Box 426, West Covina, CA 91790	N	Y	Apr 15
6. Scotty Tapscott, 1222 Crandall Ave., Salt Lake City, UT 84106	Y	N	May 6
7. Fred Patten, 1704B S. Flower St., Santa Ana, CA 92707	Y	Y	May 27
8. Bruce Pelz, Box 100, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024	N	f/r	Jun 17
9. LIMBO: Derek Nelson, 18 Granard Blvd., Scarborough, Ontario, Canada	N	N	Jul 8
10. Dian Pelz, 1231J 12th Street, Santa Monica, CA 90404	N	f/r	Jul 29
11. Jim Wright, 2203 Fairview East, #4, Seattle, WA 98102	Y	N	Aug 19
12. Don Fitch, 3908 Frijo, Covina, CA 91722	f/r	N	Sep 9
13. George H Scithers, Box 352, Fairborn, OH 45324 [To Mar 10]	Y	Y	Sep 30

OCCULT

1. Jack Harness, 19, Mill Way, East Grinstead, Sussex, U.K.	N	Y	Mar 25
2. Milt Stevens, LTJG, <i>USS Coral Sea</i> , FPO San Francisco, CA 96601	Y	Y	May 6

INCULT

1. Len Bailes, Box 474, 308 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90024	New	N	
2. Alva Rogers, 5967 Greenridge Rd., Castro Valley, CA 94546	Y	N	
3. Dick Eney, 6500 Ft. Hunt Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307	f/r	f/r	
4. Chuck Hansen, 701 S. Grant, Denver, CO 80209	New	Y	
** 5. Earl Evers, Box 192, Old Chelsea Sta., New York, NY 10011	Y	Y	

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3. Dave Hulan, Box 1032, Canoga Park, CA 91304			
4. Bill Donaho, Box 1284, Berkely, CA 94701			
5. Arnie Katz, 42B Oxford Ave., Buffalo, NY 14226			
6. John Koning, 2008 Sherman, #1, Evanston, IL 60201			
7. Fred Phillips, 1278 Grand Concourse, Bronx, NY 10456			
8. Margaret Gemignani, 454 N. Ocean Dr., Lauderdale-by-the- Sea, FL 33303 [to April]		Y	
9. Ken Goldsmith, 3874 Willowcrest Ave., N. Hollywood, CA 91604	Y		
10. J. G. Newkom, 7338 Cartwright Ave., Sun Valley, CA 91352			
11. N. Alex Bratmon, 281 Norton St., Long Beach, CA 90805	N	Y	

NEXT FRed: Gordon Eklund

MUST WRITE FR 212: Tapscott, Wright, Fitch, Bailes, and Rogers

NEW MEMBER: Dian Pelz

NEW AWLER: Evers **COA**

NEW IWLER: Bratmon

BUSINESS

RULING: In My pseudo-Acting-OAfficial capacity! Rule, effective 12:01 AM of the 13th day of February of this 1968th year of the Sixth Age, that *George Scithers* is Member #13 of the Cult and is the OAfficially approved, non-contested OA of this 17th Cycle of Cultic Existence. Until such time as the Results of the Special OAElection are Known, His Rulings are Binding and Real ["One more time!"].

ELECTION RESULTS:

<i>Scithers</i> - 5	So the winner and duly elected OA for the
<i>Tapscott</i> - 3	rest of this Cycle is:
<i>Lerner</i> - 1	<i>George Scithers</i> ¹³ /OA
<i>Jacobs</i> - 1	

Not voting were *Nelson* and *Fitch*. There was also no vote from either of the holders of the #10 position, but this is a different matter.

In view of *Scithers'* Ruling to the contrary, I will not be sending the votes to *Wright*, regardless of my statement to *Lerner* on Page 18. Three of the votes were contained in messages that seemed of general Cultic interest and are printed elsewhere, if those voters object, I am sorry but would like to mention the fannish tradition of specify-confidential items as "DNQ".

LIMBO: I put *Nelson* in Limbo, rather than dropping him for lactivity, as he has been known to f/rationalize in the past. However, if FLAP #3 or the equivalent doesn't show up with a postmark before March 5, he is Out.

PETITIONS: I was not aware that any Petitions were up for votes in this Period, but I got one Vote for the reinstatement of *Fitch* which rather surprised me in view of f/r 209³/₁₃ths.

F/R'S RECEIVED: Somebody tried to start the listing of these as a Tradition a while back. It failed as such, but regarding it as a Good Thing, herewith are the f/r's of the two Periods past:

209.031	<i>Heap</i>	209.000	<i>Jacobs</i>	209.3908	<i>Fitch</i>
209 ¹ / ₁₃	<i>Scithers</i>	209.032	<i>Heap</i>	210 ¹ / ₁₃	<i>Scithers</i>
209.00	<i>Jacobs</i>	209.0	<i>Jacobs</i>	210.21568	<i>Pelz</i>
209.009	<i>Eney</i>	209 ² / ₁₃	<i>Scithers</i>	210.22568	<i>Dian</i>
209.1222	<i>Tapscott</i>	209 ³ / ₁₃	<i>Scithers</i>	210.4	<i>Eney</i>

I got curious about what happens to all the people who start of at the bottem of the iwl and went looking for a few statistics. This is a bit crude, which is why I rounded the percents, but using a sample of 47 "starts" at the bottom (some people started more than once):

- 30% Drop before becoming Active on the awl.
- 70% Produce some sort of activity while on the awl.

Of these: 30% (of the original group) Drop before producing any activity as Members or Associates.
40% Makeⁿ to being useful Members (or Associates).

REVIEWS & COMMENTS

Some of this stuff is not exactly current as it's been a rather long time since I've done this column. I do seem to have a rather high pile of things I want to mention.

Star Trek 2: Adapted by James Blish. This one has been out for a while now, but I haven't gotten around to reading it yet. Unlike *Star Trek 1*, the publishers (Bantam) give author-credits to the authors of the original TV scripts.

Star Trek: Last night's (2-28) show was sort of weird. Like I'll buy a certain amount of parallel development of worlds for satirical and other purposes and, up to a point, ignore unrealism. They passed the point. The viewers were presented with a world inhabited by a White race and a Yellow race. The Whites, called Yongs ... derived from Yanks, had evolved a civilization to the point of having a Constitution, a Flag, and a Pledge thereto ---- all identical to those of the United States of America (*del Norte*). The Yellow types were called Cooms, from Communists. The two races had reduced each other to barbarism and savagery via biological warfare between Freedom and Communism. Note that none of the usual sops, Lost Colonies or a Contaminating Book, were thrown to pacify the audience. The worst of the implications is that White Men are preordained to favour Liberty and Freedom while Yellow Men are natural Communists.

To top it all off, ignoring a few inconsistencies of plot, the basic idea of conditions on the planet at the time the *Enterprise* comes on the scene comes from "The Red Hawk" episodes of Burroughs' *The Moon Maid* [*The Moon Men*] right before the Yanks drove the Kalkars into the sea. Blasphemy!

Lin Carter: *Thongor Against The Gods*, third in his Lemuria series (now being carried by Paperback Library) has been out for a while now. Currently about are *Tower at The Edge of Time* and *Thief of Thoth*, both by Belmont. The last I browsed familiarly, so I didn't buy it. Now I can't find it at home; may be it's filed under the other author (it's half a Double) but this would be Rather Odd. In spite of imperfections, I enjoy reading adventure fiction, all the more so when it's part of a series.

John D. MacDonald: The big news is *Pale Gray For Guilt*, #9 of the Travis McGee series. McGee is easily the best of the modern Hard Boiled school. For my money, the only reason they don't sell as well as Spillane is that they are too well written for the Mass Audience. As is normal in this series, part of the interest is provided by MacDonald/McGee's introspective comments on the Detroit Car, the Hippie Scene, etc.

I didn't really like *The Last One Left*. Don't know why this should be. The book is longer, more development of characters and plot, lots of subplots ... and I know MacDonald can write! What happens is I get interested in one subplot to the exclusion of all else. One of the problems of a Limited Mind. At any rate, this book provided the *Muñequita* for McGee to use in *Pale Gray*. A typical MacDonald touch.

Mr. MacDonald also has an article on the *Muñequita* in the January issue of *Rudder* and there is some chance that he will do more articles for them. I learned of this, and all sorts more interesting information on MacDonald and McGee from Len & June Mof-fatt's THE JDM BIBLIOPHILE (which has been deluged with requests generated by Anthony Boucher plugs).

Donald Hamilton: Mr. Hamilton's Matt Helm is doubtless *the* most realistic secret agent on the fictional scene today. Beside this series, the others read like a type of fantasy; and not a type that I really care for. The eleventh book, *The Menacers*, came out early this year. As in the other books, Matt Helm is

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AFTERIMAGE

The following five letters were forwarded to me by *Lerner*. Except for *Bratmon's* contribution, the stencils were cut by *Lerner* or by the writer. The Period of credit, where it matters any longer, is the 210th not the 211th. *Bratmon's* letter would have counted for my FR, were he still a member.

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ALVA ROGERS

I'm kinda reluctant to keep expounding on the convention bidding issues, but it's either that or drugs or the current snafu with the OA and I don't feel inclined to talk about either subject.

You [Lerner] raised the question of ethics involving a pre-bid P. R. containing "program items that are not, in fact, firmly established as of the time of publication". I really don't see where anything so high and mighty as ethics was involved at all in our first P. R. We stated at least three times in that P. R. that the program listed was tentative, an indication of our plans for the program, or was there to give the fans somewhat of an indication of what to look forward to. We pointed out that much of it, including participants, could change by con time. Just to keep the record straight, the following people who were listed in the tentative program in that PR have agreed to be on the program, either as listed or in any other spot we might decide on at a later date: John Brunner, Reginald Brettner, Greg Benford, Ed Wood, Forrest Ackerman, Frank Herbert, Roger Zelazny (if he makes it), Jim Blish, Harry Harrison, P Schuyler Miller (if he makes it), Ray Bradbury, Harlan Ellison, Fritz Leiber, Gene Roddenberry, Tony Boucher, Bob Silverberg, Earl Kemp, Dick Lupoff, Sam Moskowitz, and Ted White. Heinlein has been contacted, but so far has not replied with a yes or no, and Avram Davidson has been approached, but it's doubtful now that he'll be here at that time. Bishop Pike we have yet to contact, but we will. Actually, we sorta threw his name in there for kicks, but also as an indication of the type of intellect we'd like to participate in that particular panel. Joan Baez will probably be in jail, so we don't hold out much hope for her.

Really, the problem is not so much getting people to agree to participate, as it is to find a spot for all those who do want to, and also politely turning down offers of participation because there just are not enough hours in the convention to use everyone who's willing to volunteer. So far the substance of the program we listed remains unchanged except for some minor refinements and a few necessary time changes (Bradbury, for instance, didn't want to be in the "Theatre in the Round" bit, but wanted a full hour to himself -- we gave it to him, but it meant making some modifications in the times for the Saturday program).

I have it in writing from Bjo that if we end up at the convention with just 30% of the program as we outlined it in the PR she'll get up and publicly apologise to us for questioning the program in PR #1 -- I can guarantee you right now that if we wanted to hold her to that promise she should start writing her speech now, because at least 90% of that preliminary program is already firmed up and will appear almost word for word with the PR in the program book.

KEN GOLDSMITH

I hope this does not arrive too late. I did not know the difference between a pubdate and a letter deadline until this morning. I am attempting to write this during my lunch hour at a friend's home, and by the time I get back to work I expect the whole office to be frantically looking for me. I am supposed to get a computer program finished so it can be run tomorrow. That is not so bad in itself, except for the fact that the program has to be run in St Louis and must be mailed by 3 o'clock.

I have to write this letter. The consequences are tremendous. With the way people are getting kicked in and out of the Cult I may be on the AWL next week. Then I would not get a FR (non-contribution by a member of the IWL). Then I wd get kicked out of the Cult for not doing something or another. Then I would have to reapply. Then the whole thing would start all over again. Then George Scithers would have a heart attack. Then.....

LEE JACOBS: A good issue. I like the cover idea. I don't think you should have thrown Scithers out. Sure you were right, but you know you are just stirring up another pot of stew. On the other hand, knowing you reasonably well, that is probably exactly what you intended to do.

BRUCE PELZ: Schlemiels (I'm taking your word for the spelling) usually have their eyes closed and end up getting stepped on. I really don't think I qualify. If you read what I write carefully, and If you know the law well you will see that I am just as safe as yourself.

GORDON EKLUND: A great piece of writing. Scithers may not be funny, but I think he is trying to be.

MILT STEVENS: I agree with Scotty.

EARL EVERS: I agree with you on the following points: one, five, six, eight. I will not comment on point one, but I would like to comment on the others.

2. Instead of stabilising the military budget where it is we should stabilise it at a level far below the present level. This can be done by reducing the size of the various services. Automation can handle national defense quite effectively.

3. Economic aid should be curtailed, but I do not believe it should be cut off cold. It should be reduced and eventually stopped.

4. I do not think this will help stop discrimination. Why pay someone to do what the law requires him to do?

5. Eliminate all retail sales tax and all income tax. Tax each person a fixed amount.

6. I agree that the minimum wage should be higher, but I do not believe in government interference in private industry. Sure I would like a higher standard of living for all people, but not at the expense of free enterprise.

7. Bullshit.

8. The only way to fly. With this we could probably eliminate the income tax.

9. BULLSHIT!

I am becoming more and more tempted to engage in a political discussion. Suffice it to say that I believe in free enterprise.

J G NEWKOM: I repeat "Everyone should try LSD" except maybe you.

THE MEMBERSHIP: If anyone is looking for a way out of publishing I hereby offer my services.

I seem to have forgotten something, GEORGE: D R U G S

MARGARET GEMIGNANI

I have before me something that I think is called the Cultconstitution. It is as clear as tax form, as to the point as political debate and as organized as a hippie's mind.

I really think Bailes and I should be restored to our former position, George Scithers returned for Limbo and Fitch forgiven. And the Constitution redrafted. Can you make any sense out of it most of time or shall I hire a Philadelphia lawyer to interrupt?

Fanlly yours....Peggy-0 entire letter sic

N. ALEX BRATHON -

February 3, 1968

Hoo HOO, Hah Hah, CULT CULT, Blah blah!

Ghod I wish I was a Member so I could vote on all those almost obscene motions. In any case, I would like to congratulate *Bruce* on one of the fastest and slickest and seemingly most premediated ~~blat~~ con jobs I have seen in a long time.

Other than that, no comment. You lovely sob's seem to be doing a great job on your own.

Comment to no one in particular: It seems to me that Ron Ellik was at one time an Associate or Honorary Member of the Cult. I did not see his name mentioned on the big list some time ago. Can anyone tell me if I am right?

Smoking drugs is rather a bore. Not that it can't be interesting, but by Ghod, it is usually just a bore. Especially if the coffee klatch anytime after degenerates into one or another form of "I'm a bigger man than You are!" That is what I object to in most Heads of one type or another. A little while back I tried being congenial at a LASFS meeting and got my lungs burned out from three puffs of Banana peel. What a goofy way to use Banana anyway, according to the *Beachcomber's Handbook*, Banana peel contains some type of antibiotic that is great for open cuts and sores. Now *that* is valuable knowledge.

Ran across an interesting derivative from Coconuts some years back in a book called something like *Vagabonds South*. It seems that if one ferments coconut milk and then distills the product, drinking enough will not only get one drunk for three days after you stop drinking, but all sorts of lovely halucinations and paralysis will occur. Unfortunately, all of the commercial coconut milk I can get seems to have benzoate of soda in it to prevent spoilage and fermentation.... Ah well the

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(PART TWO)

Dear Cult:

Approximately 24 hours after mailing four stencils to FRed LERNER, I received more f/r's from SCITHERS and HEAP. Comments are required. Naturally, I'm stenciling this myself (as soon as you see the usual typo's you'll know that such identification is not required), and hopefully it will appear in FR 210 following my first contribution.

OMNES: Churning out pages which quibble about abstruse Cultural philosophy is not my favorite form of Cultac. After this current ...uh...situation is resolved, I'll retreat to more typical Cultish topics such as basketball (UCLA is the fourth best basketball team in the Nation? Why yes -- they rank behind the Boston Celtics and the Philadelphia '76ers, and the Los Angeles Lakers), and television programs (will Rowan & Martin be considered this season's TW3?), and science fiction (Chip Delaney is to as obscure as Anthony Burgess), etc. Hereinafter my w & b will only be voiced when I can't understand another's w & b -- but only as comment. Remember, only the OA can make Rulings!

OMNES In FR 209 (no decimals) I dropped Member SCITHERS under (again) TLC IV.1. Ooops -- to be more precise, I cast SCITHERS into Limbo. I thought my reasons were perfectly Cultstitutional, just like any other FR Ed when they drop Members under TLC IV.2. Coincidentally Member 13 was OA. Since TLC V.8 clearly notes that the OA must be a member, and further specifies that the OA office becomes vacant if the OA ceases to become a member, I assumed the office of OA under TLC V.6 for FR 209. LERNER is acting OA under TLC V.6 for FR 210.

I did not remove the OA from office in violation of TLC V.5 That can only be done by impeachment petition. I did drop a Member as required (I thought) by Cultstitutional requirement.

Now a dropped or Limbo'd member, if he thinks that an injustice was done, can always appeal to the OA. In this case it would be acting OA LERNER. During this appeal period, he is dropped or in Limbo --which is only my opinion as a Member; I can't make an OA ruling, since my acting OAship expired with the publication of FR209 (no decimals).

I would think, therefore, that all of SCITHERS f/r's and Rulings would not be binding on The Cult unless, and this is perfectly possible, SCITHERS has already been reinstated by LERNER. If he has, the W*E*L*C*O*M*E back GEORGE. If not...

F/r-wise, one Member has supported SCITHERS (HEAP), I've stuck by my original ouster, and SCOTTY's reaction has been mixed -- against SCITHERS as OA, but for SCITHERS as a Member. Of course, I'm personally for SCITHERS as a member also -- I like SCITHERS.

My main point in the preceding is to emphasize that events were sequenced. There was always only one OA -- SCITHERS until he was cast into Limbo as a Member which automatically revoked his OAship per TLC V.8, JACOBS (acting only during FR 209 publication), and LERNER pending a new OA election.

Now that everything is perfectly clear (yeah!), I'll comment on some more f/r's: (Opinions only, y'unnerstan; Rulings are for OA's)

HEAP: You,,,uh...frivolize my motives, sir. I dropped Member SCITHERS (I mean cast him into Limbo) because Member SCITHERS knowingly retained FITCH in violation of TLCIV.1. It is exactly the same principle as retaining a member who didn't meet a correspondence requirement. Unless the Member had received an OA ruling to retain Fitch (which I could find no evidence thereof), I was forced to do so by the Cultstitution. Remember, I like SCITHERS. I'm in favor of nominal leniency, of course, but this appeared to be an open flaunting of the Cultstitution. From a practical point of view, of course, SCITHERS is too valuable a member to lose by such action; hence, he was put into Limbo with a plea for retention. But -- I think I did what was required by the Cultstitution, and as yet I've been able to counter any criticism with hopefully valid Cultstitutional backup.

Your point about V.3 would normally be valid (a good point too!), but you forget that by then SCITHERS was in Limbo and therefore could not have been OA. And you are so right -- one member cannot take on the OA per the Cultstitution. I didn't. I dropped Member 13 into Limbo, which automatically in this instance vacated the OA office. Legally, it's not quite the same thing...

SCITHERS But I agree with you, GEORGE -- there is only one OA and only the OA can make Rulings. But unless you have been reinstated by LERNER, you ceased to be OA when you went into Limbo. If Limbo Member 13 will not concede that point, as one Member to another, how will he support it? Per the Cultstitution, of course.

Yes, but what portion of f/r 207-1/7 were OAction and what portion was Member 13? An admittedly trivial point, but still no specific OA ruling concerning the reasons for a retention of an Illegal Member per IV.1 And why is FITCH OUT? FR 207B meets the fractional definition of TLC III.5 (F/Rs are Cultzines published out of turn...), but moreover, FITCH published f/r 208.3908 his usual c/h/ There's a very strong possibility you didn't receive a copy of FITCH's f/r; I'm not certain he had your new address, and it might not have been forwarded. Incidentally if you are currently OA per LERNER reinstatement (I don't buy your self-proclaimed status) thanks muchly for not dropping me. I anticipated being dropped myself in FR 209 by then requesting reinstatement or application to the IWL.

QUESTION: If Cult presidency is UnCultstitutional, shouldn't the the OA, when queried, so rule? Granted, the only Membership control is impeachment, but this seems rather drastic.

LERNER SCITHERS voluntary abdication of the OA office tends to reinforce my support of his readmission to membership, providing you hadn't done so prior to FR 210. Granted, I don't believe he was still in office, but that is relatively unimportant. He thought he was still in office, and that made it a major concession. GEORGE SCITHERS is a good fan.

I'd suggest that you follow SCITHERS recommendation. Legally, you are the Election Officer who should send out the ballots, but since SCITHERS has already done so, why duplicate the effort? HEAP is a good choice for Teller, being the next FR ed, and you, being a candidate are ineligible.

Of course, if you do not reinstate SCITHERS right now in your facet as acting OA, then SCITHERS would not be a candidate for the OAc, since Scithers (oops, all caps) would not be a Member and would therefore be ineligible. This per TLC V.8, of course. And if DIAN PELZ or BILL DONAHO or ALVA ROGERS or EARL EVERS or any other AWL/IWLER would apply, they would be ineligible under TLC V.8 also.

But how about write-in votes? Let's assume you reinstate SCITHERS, so he is eligible for OA, and the LERNER/TAPSCOTT/SCITHERS slate are the only legal candidates. But -- the evial LA Cultists send in five votes for BRUCE PELZ, you end up with a couple and SCITHERS and TAPSCOTT get three each. Per TLC VI.10 a plurality will elect. Maybe, as acting OA, you better make a Ruling before this Election to tell the Teller to ignore (or to count, if you choose) write-ins.

HEAP Yes, you should have received a copy of f/r 209.0 by (again) now. I thought I sent you one, but perhaps it went astray. I'll send you another...

WRIGHT Where are you? My f/r 209.000, postmarked 2 Feb, was returned from your Fairview address. If you want a copy let me know...

OMNES Let's not be carried away by my actions, using it as a (again) presidency to kick Members out because you don't like his faaanish politics, or he did not (or did) make appropriate comments on your Cultac. It was legal, but it was nitpicking, hence the Limbo designation. F/r reaction has been mixed, but I wonder what the published reaction will be in FR 210.

I repeat, I like SCITHERS. I'm being neither facetious nor sarcastic; SCITHERS is not only a good fan, but he is a valuable Cultist. Don't drop SCITHERS, FRED LERNER!

Incidentally, the story on the following page is pure fiction. In spite of SCITHERS suspicions in his f/r's, this never really happened. (Thanx for the use of the title, SCOTTY.)

A HELL OF A WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD

The click of the wheels on the tracks almost drowned out the conspiratorial whispers in the First Class Compartment.

"PATTEN, FITCH, CRAYNE, JACOBS," checked the Fan in Black. "DIAN and DAVE from the other compartments." The last two fans did not seem awed by association with the first class passengers; they had been in the compartment on previous trips.

"DAVE, stand by the door," the Fan in Black commanded. "If you see the Conductor or the other Members, warn us. I don't want them to suspect anything." DAVE took his station. "Now then, I think the Conductor has been acting too independently since he left the Los Angeles terminal. He must be reprimanded."

There were muttered approvals from the clique. "Damn right! Ichi bon. Groovy."

"But there aren't enough of us to do anything under the Rules of the Road," PATTEN whispered. "We are only five, and it takes nine."

"The Rules of the Road," CRAYNE interrupted. "I just came aboard a few stops back. Perhaps a fresh interpretation..."

"Only the Conductor can legally interpret," cautioned HULAN from the door. "When I was a first class passenger, I..."

"I voted for you, DAVE," JACOBS grinned. "By the way, DON FITCH, you shouldn't be in this car. The previous Conductor noticed you published an incorrect time table."

"And the present Conductor let you get away with it." The Fan in Black thought for a moment. "LEE, you're publishing the next time table. Look through the Rules of the Road. If we could find some way for you to put the Conductor off the train..."

JACOBS raced through the well-thumbed document, while HULAN monitored the entrance. "I think we've got him," JACOBS finally smirked. "Tell me if I'm wrong."

JACOBS explained his scheme, and the rest of the clique marveled at his audacity. CRAYNE, HULAN, and the Fan in Black made some legal objections in anticipation of Membership reaction, but JACOBS countered the objections by citing the Rules of the Road. "Like CRAYNE, I'm new," he chuckled. "I'm ignorant of tradition. Besides, this is my first time table."

"JACOBS, you are an evial, nasty bastard," complimented the Fan in Black. Execute at once. Now, let's go to lunch!

On his way to the dining car, the Fan in Black wondered exactly which way he should break the good news to his Secret Master. The puppets jump when I pull the strings, he thought. BILL DONAHO will be so pleased...

a man living part of his life. His past, which may or may not have been chronicled in earlier books, is very much a part of his present. I think this tends to give realism to the series, as opposed to the realism of the action in the individual books.

As those who have been following this series know, Matt Helm works for a Government Agency that specializes in dealing with problems, of the espionage type, that the more normal Agencies are too squeamish to handle; and that the public would be offended to know about. The titles of some of the earlier books: *The Wrecking Crew*, *The Removers*, *The Silencers*, *Murderers' Row*, are taken from the sobriquets by which Helm's Agency is known to the few who know them at all. This adventure sends Matt Helm to Mexico to deal with Russian espionage and Flying Saucers. Sf fans shouldn't make any rash assumptions about this.

Fawcett has been bringing out Mr. Hamilton's earlier books, both secret agent types and others. They have developed one rather nasty habit: they list their new titles among the "also by" credits just as if they were, or had been, on the stands. The latest, a Western apparently, is *Iron Men And Silver Stars* and if they do as badly as they did with *Texas Fever*, it may be a year before they get around to actually printing the damn thing.

Cultists may appreciate that every time I look at the title of the new Matt Helm, I realize that with only one letter changed, it becomes *The Minacers*.

The Jewel in The Skull: (Lancer) by Michael Moorcock was a most pleasant surprise. I had read, and not particularly cared for, Moorcock's Elric stories. While I enjoyed the "Edwin Bradbury" Martian stories ("Bradbury" is very strongly rumoured to be a Moorcock penname), they weren't anything out of the ordinary. *The Jewel in The Skull* is a masterpiece. S.F. WEEKLY is quoted as calling it "a natural successor to Conan", but it is far more in the line of Vance' *The Dying Earth*. Mr. Moorcock's Earth is hardly dying, but it is now in an age where fragmentary scientific knowledge is treated as magic by it's inhabitants. There is something Diplomacy-like about the politics and military movements of this strange age, so it is only fitting that Rod Walker, playing England in one of the new GRAU-STARK Games, has taken on the trappings of Moorcock's Granbretan for his Press Releases. The Morrow cover is not only fine artwork, but a good illustration of the world within the covers. Best of all, this is the start of a series.

The Ancient World: Lionel Casson's *The Ancient Mariners* (Minerva Press, \$1.95) gives a clear and interesting picture of life along the seas of the Mediterranean in the Classical Age and before. Lots of information about how ships were constructed, how they were sailed and rowed, how far they could and did go excellent background material for sword-and-sorcery stories in which seafaring plays a part.

As A Return to Childhood: I found the Dover reprints of the Andrew Lang *Fairy Book's* rather interesting. They have brought out nine of these at \$1.50 each: *The Blue, Green, Brown, Yellow, Violet, Red, Pink, Crimson, and Grey Fairy Books*. I have no idea whether this exhausts the supply or not. The books go back to the early 1900's and are collections of tales from many nations and sources. They were in the libraries when I was young, and right now I consider it a Good Thing to keep at least some of them around. And I would like the Burroughs fans to consider the case of Little Wildrose who was Raised By Eagles.

SF Miscellany: Just realized, they're *all* by Ace! Three cheers for Wollheim! Anyway,

CULTOSIS

As always, there seems to be an overlarge pile of Cultac to comment on. Perhaps I would have gotten to it earlier had it not been for the latest fracas, but then again, Perhaps Not. Much of the stuff I have seems outdated now, but again, Maybe Not.

ANGLMAR #23 (f/r 206.9) {Pelz}

As a point of information on *Margaret G.* and The Hill; I talked to her a couple of times after she returned to Rochester (from Los Angeles) and before she went down to Florida. She talked a lot about Los Angeles, LASFS, The Hill, and all but the subject of pot never seemed to come up.

HONNEUR SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE #6-A (FR #207) [Or is that #6 and FR #207-A] {Fitch}

Donaho: On the Four Year Rotation Plan, if it fails in the end, I think we should drop the "World" and start talking about United States Science Fiction Conventions or perhaps Anglo-American. Letting Europe (and others) in on the rotation plan means (for me) two Difficult Conventions out of four instead of one out of three. It seems worth it for the cause of cosmopolitanism. We all want the Con in our back yard every year, but I do think it's a good idea to build up ties with non-English speaking fandoms; and what better way than sharing the Con? The motion for the Four Year Plan was a surprise, but I didn't see any signs that the Nycon3 Business Meeting was "packed" by its proponents or anything like that.

UFTHAK #5, #6, #7 (f/r's 208.031, 208.032, 208.033) {Heap}

Yes, these all *should* have been numbered 207.03x; one of the problems in doing things in advance. Mimeographing "PRESaply" labels was a Lot Of Fun. *Scithers* gets good results with ditto-style printing on labels, but with mimeo, the ink stayed wet and smeary for much too long. Anybody know of labels that "take" mimeo ink? There were also minor problems with registration; the labels came six to a sheet, a rather slippery sheet. The 2"x2" labels were the only ones close to reasonable size, perhaps I would have done better printing more than one "message" on larger labels and using scissors. The "Canada Libre!" comment was supposed to have gone out on Guadeloupe-French type postcards, but after driving through the mountains all day, we were too tired to care.

CONVERSATION ABOARD A STREETCAR (FR #208) {Scithers}

Patten: We've got the raw material for "What To Do Till The Analyst Comes" with us right now. It's called alcohol. You can get euphoric as all hell (not bombed or blasted) and remain that way for extended periods without, in my case at least, much of a penalty in the way of hangovers. But most of us don't, at least not all of the time. Even outside of mundane problems like work, most of us don't read as well, get as much out of movies or the Tube, play cards as well, and so on. Most of the semi-serious drinking goes on at times that people don't care to give their full attention. Most of the people I know who are regular users of pot do about the same thing. I doubt whether we'd "lose" more than a few more if pot were legalized; not enough to worry about as far as the overall effects on society.

Snider: You're not thinking positively enough; if John Carter can do it, why not you? At any rate, I find the worlds of Middle-earth, Zimiamvia, *et.al.* more fasci-

nating than that of fandom (and in some ways, more real).

Scithers: The format here is rather interesting. I found it easier to read than the usual, and no more difficult to comment on. I gather that some people thought you cut too much out of their letters to make them fit. ¶ It's handy to have an updated copy of the WSFS Uninc Rules around, but about that HUOG award

HONNEUR SOIT QUI MAL Y PENSE #6.5 (FR #207B) {Fitch}

Tapscott: Madison Avenue invented Free Will for the purpose of selling advertising.

Harness: You can still find Canadian coins with Queen Victoria's portrait, still in circulation, but on all the ones I've seen, the date is too worn to tell exactly how old they are.

Goldsmith: Paranoia is usually described in terms of the *irrationality* of the fears or suspicions. So it would be paranoid to fear arrest for adultery, but with the current anti-drug campaign there is a real danger of arrest for heads who come to the attention of the Wrong People. What are you trying to accomplish with your Campaign For Truth? If you want to be frank about your own activities, that's your privilege ---- and risk. But why this gratuitous interest in spreading the Truth About LASFS (or individual LASFans)?

Evers: A guy I worked with a while back had sailed on the *Valley Forge*. He said they lost a few men over the side every cruise (this was in the Atlantic sometime after World War II) and that they Didn't Stop. Do they stop for officers, *Stevens*?

Lerner: Most of these lists of books for the desertisland/new planet fail to define the terms of choice clearly enough. I mean is there an available library of necessary technical information? If not, I would think books on farming, metallurgy, medicine, etc. would be far more in demand than either *The Bible* or *The Hobbit*. On the other hand, if books are being selected for personal reading only, who would want a *Dictionary*? [Great vocabulary, but the plot stinks!]

THE JUG OF DOUBTFUL JOY #9 (d.o. ----) {Van Arnam}

STONE'S THROW #1 (f/r 208.1222) {Tapscott}

The problem with the credential thing is that it sort of implies that if you don't have some kind of certification, you have no right to know anything. It would seem, in most fields, that there are other criteria for truth than the identity or formal education of the statement-maker.

DOWN & DIRTY #2 (FR #209) {Jacobs}

Tapscott: I'm surprised at the five year penalty. Most of the first offenders around here have been drawing suspended sentences, users that is. Maybe things are getting rougher than I'd thought.

Evers: While Vietnam might or might not have been the best place to "draw a line", once having done so, if we change our minds, it will be just that much harder to convince anybody that we are serious about drawing a line somewhere else. Withdrawal from Vietnam would be extremely desirable, of course, if it would lead to permanent peace; but I am not convinced that this would be the result. Every place we could with-

draw to: Thailand, Indonesia, The Phillipines, Japan ---- all these places have their anti-government groups which could then become Underground Patriots and, with a little help from Outside, turn *their* country into a battleground; unless we withdrew again, of course.

It would take an amount of research, more than I have time for, to figure out the total economic effect of your proposals (4) through (9); but I would guess that the costs of some of them [(5) and (6) in particular] in terms of lost tax revenues mainly, would be so high as to drastically reduce government spending in many areas we both consider desirable.

"Psychological Addiction" is supposed to be the drug equivalent of alcoholism: or, alcoholism is a psychological addiction to alcohol. I've known a couple of alcoholics quite well enough to believe in that one.

Dian & Harness: Nice covers from both of you.

"I'M SORRY GUYS, I GOOFED!" (f/r 209¹/₁₃) {*Scithers*}

What on earth did Military Intelligence have to talk about for *eight hours*? I imagine a transcript of that conversation ought to rival Meskys' explanation of fandom to the security people at Laurence Radiation Labs. As a point of interest, were they only aware of mail sent to military addresses or had they "researched" further?

HELL OF A WAY TO RUN A RAILROAD (f/r 209.1222) {*Tapscott*}

Thanks for the reminder of our Associates' "pubdates" which I have (hopefully) included on my Roster. Seeing that *Lerner* has done the same, *Harness* may have sufficient warning after all.

LAGDUF #2 (f/r 209.032) {*Heap*}

Tapscott: I owe you an apology for not noticing, in the excitement, that you *had* previously expressed dissatisfaction with *Scithers* ruling himself to be 17th Cycle O.A.

Jacobs: Your f/r 209.0 arrived simultaneously with my mailing out of LAGDUF #2. I would have scratched out my comment to you but for the danger that my scratch-outs would not be "essentially identical" pursuant to TLC III.3.(e) and III.5.

THE BALLARD CHRONICLES #5 (f/r 209.0) {*Jacobs*}

Illegal or not, this was the funniest thing that happened this Period, with the possible exception of the OAElection Ballot. The Fan-oriented world concept is enough to Cripple The Mind!

ON THE EVE OF ST. SÉCAIRE (f/r 209.3908) {*Fitch*}

On the misnumbered f/r 206.3908 (HYDRA #2), the TLC's statement about f/r's consisting "at least in part of material not previously published." gives the O.A. sufficient latitude to Rule that Prior Distribution is the same as "previously published". Now for myself, I am quite prepared to believe that you issued the December TERREAN on January 8 (postmark date) which would be Simultaneous Distribution and, possibly even, Legal. However, f/r 208.3908 (I read its title as LAST MINUTE) makes all this

unnecessary.

You've got a point about only the first three signatures on a Petition counting as opposed to illegalizing the whole Petition for more than three signatures, but I'm not about to render any more pseudo-Official Rulings than are absolutely necessary. Perhaps the next OA will clear up the point. If any Petitions with too many signatures arrive here before pubtime, I will Take Care Of Them.

My own feelings about *Scithers'* Ruling on *Goldsmith* were that it was sort of funny and that *Goldsmith* had Asked For It. I suppose I'm not worrying enough about the rights (?) of applicants and/or iwlers, but I was rather surprised at the violence of the reaction.

I suppose *Scithers* was a bit arbitrary in knocking down *Lerner's* nomination, but nominations were still open by ~~his~~ his Special Dispensation in any case. If *Lerner* had remembered to nominate himself on time, it would have been a different matter.

I think a lot of the comment in the Cult is directed at the last ROTATOR, somewhat to the exclusion of f/r's and Part B's. Also, the current bit of aggrevation has taken the place of More Useful comments. I guess you will have to take it on faith that the letter writers, at least, were glad to see your Part B.

I wrote about the same thing to *Scithers*; that Members don't have any Duty to give iwlers continuous reminders of their obligations.

Well, this *is* an interesting Period, what with 11 f/r's and all. Ignoring the dubious legality of some of them, does anyone know when the last time this many f/r's came out in one Period?

FANTASY ROTATOR #210 (FR #210) {*Lerner*}

Lerner: Thanks for the Special Consideration given to my copy of FR #210. Having it on hand makes it a lot easier to keep things running smoothly until the OAElection results are in. It's rather a shame *Geis* decided to Drop. I always thought that having a Professional Pornographer amongst us helped the image and all.

I suppose I could overrule some of your Rulings, but see very little point in so doing. Just out of curiosity, how come you picked *Wright* as the re-check teller? *Eklund* would seem to be the logical choice in view of the pubdates and all. I might as well mention at this time [February 20], that *Wright* won't be able to check non-votes [but I guess they will have their chance to scream after I list the names].

Patten: The TLC bit about the OA not overriding the Culstitution is followed immediately by the bit that he can be Impeached for so doing. Cultic "common law" aside, this sort of implies that unless he is impeached, or overruled of course, that the OA can get away with Questionable Rulings. But more important, if one Member can decide that the OA is being unconstitutional and declare him Out, we might as well not have an OA

The new TLC does specify that the OA has to be a member, but was *Scithers* really Out just because *Jacobs* Says So? If some FReditor decided that the whole Cult was Out, would this stand?

I voted "yes" for the *Bailes* reinstatement mostly because I think putting too much faith in Post Office delivery schedules (to boxes) is unrealistic. My mail seems to hit the box at all kinds of irregular hours.

Wright: There isn't an exact parralel between Obscenity and Drug Discussion, but I think

there are potential dangers in either. While the Obscenity thing was going on, there was a possibility that Cult M/members could be charged with "Soliciting Pornography Through The Mails" ---- or some similar charge ---- because they had joined the Cult. It seems to me that now, with people admitting the use of drugs and mentioning their use by others, that a judge might think a Cultzine was sufficient reason to issue a search warrant. I have no idea how likely this type of thing is; but note that much of the Cultwritings on drugs are on the "I have tried" or "I am using" level.

The first time I read *The Fellowship of The Ring* I went straight through on nothing but tobacco until 4:00 AM. The immediate high lasted approximately four days, but I have been subject to recurrent hallucinations for almost twelve years.

Eklund: Friend of mine told me he got some kind of extra pay ---- hardship or discomfort allowance ---- because he (a 2nd Lieutenant) had to live in an Enlisted Men's barracks. Even after it had been partitioned off into two-man cubicles for God's sake!

ANGMAR #24 (f/r 210.21568) {Pelz}

Very well said!

JACOBS LADDER #1 (f/r 210.22568) {Dian}

Dian: Where in the TLC does it say that FR's must include a "Must Write" listing? For your peace-of-mind, however, I was aware of the fact and would have Taken Action had it been necessary.

Scithers: Should have noted this after your 2-28 Ruling; but I really don't see where a "Must Write" listing is specified.

[REVIEWS & COMMENTS - continued from Page 14]

Edmond Hamilton has written *Starwolf #2, The Closed Worlds*. Mr. Hamilton must be following a Cultic Cycle as *Starwolf #1* was reviewed here in DCU #1. // Poul Anderson's *We Claim These Stars* is a "Flandry of Terra" novel. Is this really only the second one out in paperback? Anderson has been writing these for so long that I guess it would be quite a job to collect them all. // Thomas Burnett Swann's *The Dolphin and The Deep* is a collection of three novellas, one of which ("The Manor of Roses") is from *F&SF*, 1966. The other two ("The Murex" and the title story) are from Nova Publications and have not, to my knowledge, seen publication this side of the Water. // Another sf series is being initiated by Jack Vance' *City of The Chasch* (Planet of Adventure #1). Apparently this will be the adventures of Adam Reith of Terra on an alien world. Styled somewhat similarly to *The Dying Earth* and *The Eyes of The Overworld* the illustrations include a map of the planet Tschai, which I find of interest.

Sword & Sorcery/Science Miscellany: Hope to deal with all of these more fully in the long delayed HYBORIAN TIMES, but Paperback Library has brought out L. Sprague de Camp's *The Tritonian Ring*. There were three short stories in the hardcover, not included here, plus one or two others in this series. Perhaps we can expect a second volume. // Two other reprints of rather rare books are Fletcher Pratt's *The Well of The Unicorn* and the long awaited (fifteen years, in my case) *A Fish Dinner in Memison* from E.R. Eddison's Zimiamvian Trilogy (Lancer and Ballantine). Fritz Leiber's *The Swords of Lankmar* (Ace) is much expanded from the short "Scylla's Daughter". John Norman's *Outlaw of Gor* (Ballantine) is a fine sequel to *Tarnsman of Gor*.

ZODIACAL LIMERICKS

- John Boardman

The following limericks are dedicated to the Eastern Stellar Foolishness Association (ESFA), in recognition of their efforts to reverse the Scientific Revolution and return humanity to the peaceful certainties of the Middle Ages.

A young lady born under Aries
Consults the stars each time she
marries.
Although she gets hope
From each horoscope,
Her husbands turn out to be fairies.

A lady philologist (Libra)
Was raped by an oversexed zebra.
She cried out her anguish
In every language
Including Chinese, Greek, and Hebra.

A man of the natal sign Taurus
Joined up with a folk-singing chorus.
But he didn't last long,
For in every song
He croaked like an old brontosaurus.

A poet, by birthright a Scorpio,
Was trying to rhyme the word "Scorpio".
He tried and he tried,
And in torment he died
As if he'd been bit by a Scorpio.

A lady skin-diver, a Gemini,
Encountered a monstrous anemone
Far under the sea.
It seized her with glee
And ate up her *pudenda feminae*.

The men of the sign Sagittarius
Have customs obscene and barbarious.
They sow their wild oats
With girls, boys, and goats
In postures ingenious and various.

A zoophile born under Cancer
Joined up as a cavalry lancer,
But he died of despair
When his favorite mare
Was replaced by a motorized panzer.

A fellow with stars Capricorn
Once wished he had never been born.
And he wouldn't have been
If his father had seen
That the end of his rubber was torn.

A cowboy, by birthday a Leo,
Once met a young lady in Rio.
A full night and day
They spent in the hay
And now our poor cowboy can't pee-o.

A girl who was born an Aquarius
Engaged in a custom nefarious.
She practiced fellation
With highest elation
Till her teeth became yellow and carious.

A girl who was born under Virgo
Said that the stars did not make
her go.
Again and again,
She proved this with men
Till friction made all of her fur go.

A Lesbian born under Pisces
Had dildoes of several sizes.
The one with the warts
Squirts several quarts
And gives her girl-friends great surprises.

CULTITIS

And here we go again! I feel amazingly virtuous, having committed my admittedly belated comments to stencil so early (February 21). Of course, this has the disadvantage that many of my comments will echo or anticipate those of other people. At any rate, things are Getting Done. My editorial comments in the hereafter will be enclosed in brackets and also, to the dismay of some, will appear in a Different Type Style. [The general appearance is shown herein.]

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LEE JACOBS -

February 10, 1968

Hi George,

Live it up! You now have *two* copies of f/r 209.0. FR 209 was sent to all actives by first class mail, of course, but the iwl received both FR 209 and f/r 209.0 in the same envelope by third class mail. At the same time, f/r 209.0 went to Active non-multiapans by third class mail also. The difference in postage was enough for half a case of Beer, to cite an important frame of reference. I had thought I had sent you one, but per your f/r the PO might have goofed. So you promptly received another. [Correction: you may have promptly mailed another, but approximately 11 days have passed without its appearance. The rates go up and the speed goes down. Anyhow, sorry again for having raised the question. I misunderstood your references to f/r 209.0.]

Uh, no, I'm not "pleased" at what has happened, but it's been rather educational. And revealing.

I'll have eight pages in FR 210, if *Lerner* publishes all of the stencils. I think I goofed slightly in FR 209 -- not by casting *Scithers* into Limbo, which was perfectly proper if not popular, but by failing to provide all Culstitional backup for doing so.

Before I made the decision, I had kicked around the possible points for which I could be criticized. For example, I knew the OA reinstatement clause would probably be raised. But in FR 209 I skipped over it. This was inexcusable and provides a perfect reason why I should do a draft of relatively important material before it goes on master or stencil.

I'm looking forward to FR 210. I'm interested in the reaction of Members who did not fractionalize, but even more important, I'm looking for the reaction of *Lerner*. I hope he reinstates *Scithers* immediately, if he hasn't done so already. *Lerner* is acting OA, you know. [Was! Maybe!]

I can't buy the *Scithers* self-proclaimed status. He was put into Limbo, and in that situation can only vegetate until a decision is made. Technically, the situation is the same as a Member dropped for failure to write (whether rightly or wrongly so). I go into this in greater length in FR 210 (if published).

I like *Scithers*, really I do. But what I did was thoroughly objective. I had no choice.

Besides, it might lead to a discussion of something else in the Cult besides How We Won and Drugs versus Booze...

CordialLee

AL SNIDER -

Dear George & Cult:

I guess I had better sit down and pump out a few lines for the Cult if I am to retain my Membership. I see that *Geis* was dropped last FR, and while talking to him over the phone he said that the reason he was quitting was that the Cult just wasn't his kind of activity, and that he wanted to devote all of his time to PSYCHOTIC. Well, I don't think I need to go back to old FR's to demonstrate the fact that *Geis* was *Goshwow* over the Cult, since his large contributions and very active part were obvious.... and besides, he seemed to like to pick a nit or two now and then just like the rest of us. Anyway, this leads to a little speculation on my part. If *Dick* can lose interest in the Cult, can't he lose interest in PSYCHOTIC too, and eventually fandom *en toto*? Perhaps, which leads me to believe that *Geis*' great re-entrance into fandom might turn out to be a quick exit.

Not that I would be in favor of this happening, since I think *Geis* is talented and able, but he could disappear easily. This would lead to another crushing blow to the Genzine field, what with PSY blooming and then dying so quickly. Well, as a friend of mine says, "It is always fun to speculate about the future, but who *really* knows?"

[I hope you're being overly pesimistic here. I'd sort of hoped that the drop was an error in judgement on *Geis*' part, and that he would be reinstated. Guess not! I think I'll send him some Sticky Quarters to keep PSYCHOTIC coming, anyway.]

I hereby cast my vote for *Tapscott*, and I'm not quite sure what else is on the schedule, so I'll let it be at that. No more votes.

However, I have something else to suggest. If this is supposed to be a "Cult" why doesn't it *sound* like one? For instance, I would place an "Official Arbiter" in a Public Court in the Roman Forum, that office being held by Cato [You mean "The Censor"?], no less. However, in a "Cult" I would expect to find a "High Priest". And so, there you have it. I want to change the title "Official Arbiter--OA" to "High Priest--HP". To do this I hereby propose this petition:

That the Legal Constitution be amended so that Article Five shall be known as "The High Priest", and that all references to the "Official Arbiter" or "OA" be changed to "High Priest" and "HP" respectively. In all Cult business the Official Arbiter shall hereafter be known as the "High Priest".

Signed, Al Snider 5

Al Snider 5

Now, this in no way affects the running of the Cult ... nor does it give any additional powers to the OA or take any away. It harms nothing and makes for a more "exotic" (so to speak) atmosphere in this APA. [I Pass!]

Looking to the mess things are in about *George*, let me say that I am glad the Cult has returned to introspection and foolishness, since I sure don't belong to this ridiculous group to solve world problems. *Scithers* is screwed up, and I believe in *Jacobs* and *Lerner* and what they are saying while quoting TLC. *George* is screwed up. Now, if

["*Delenda est Carthago.*"]

only *Heap* can find an excuse for eliminating *Lerner* and *Tapscott* from the roster, things will really be in good shape. [Won't they now?]

- Al Snider 5

Dear Cult;

The *Pueblo* incident seems to have had quite a few repercussions in the United States and one of these seems to have reperculated its way back to us in the form of an indefinite extension on the line. Otherwise, we would be on our way home by now. I was somewhat surprised to see that only 3% of the people answering the Gallop Poll thought that we should use military force to retrieve the ship "if necessary". In other words, the crew of the *Pueblo* can rot in North Korea as far as the American public is concerned. A truly impressive example of democracy in action. [If you are quoting the poll-question correctly, it referred only to the ship. This is hardly the same as letting the crew rot.]

F/r's commenting on the *Scithers* expulsion caper have been arriving for several weeks now. The whole thing doesn't sound particularly legal, although I admit that I haven't been following the details too closely. End of comment.

In the time since the last FR, I've been glancing through the copy of THE TERREAN that *Fitch* sent out. I found some of *Don's* comments to be much more pessimistic than anything I would accept (and I'm a noted pessimist, you know). The population explosion is definitely a problem, but I expect war to cut down the population before things reach the point of mass starvation. War is likely to be an expanding occupation during my lifetime and may become quite intense in about twenty or thirty years [and then cease for the next twenty or thirty thousand years]. In spite of this, the human race undoubtedly [?] won't exterminate itself and things won't be much better or much worse than they ever have been. [If you think we can have "quite intense" wars and that things won't get much worse, you're no pessimist!]

Comments on FR 209 {Jacobs}

Gordon Eklund: Drinking cases and cases of beer was never really a particularly rebellious thing for a nineteen year old to do. It was and is more of an assertion of maturity than anything else. Pot smoking, on the other hand, involves an entire syndrome of beliefs and reactions that tends to be anti-social in many cases.

James Wright: Your idea of games playing seems to cover most forms of human activity. Your choice of words makes the methodology with which a person approaches life sound like a frivolous thing, which it isn't. This methodology is dictated by the person's identity and every healthy person has a definite identity.

Earl Evers: I don't agree with your points. For one thing, the only sensible anti-poverty program would have to be international in scope and in that context there isn't any poverty in America. If we did take a serious interest in the welfare of the Indians and Chinese, it might make the genocidal war of a few decades from now unnecessary. Lasting peace could be attained through some form of world federalism, but at the moment that isn't even a possibility.

I am completely opposed to the idea of an entirely professional military. What sort of payment can you give a man for taking all the risks for your way of life? Absolute power is probably the only acceptable payment.

America is going to be involved in Asia as long as America is capable of being involved in anything. This situation is an unavoidable extension of our position as a major power in the Pacific Area. The only way to escape the situation is to cease being a major power. Needless to say, that alternative might be rather disastrous.

Ken Goldsmith: In your letter, you have managed to point out one of the main rubs between drug users and non-users who happen to be in the same environment. Evangelism. By trying to convince other people to use drugs, you are push-

ing the non-users into a moral dilemma which demands some form of action. As far as I'm concerned you have a right to self destruction or self injury, but you don't have the right to try to convince other people that these acts are good for them.

Yours truly,

Milton F. Stevens

CHUCK CRAYNE -

February 11, 1968

Dear Cult;

If *George* had persisted in being difficult I would have helped to depose him. Since he has demonstrated an ability to admit he was wrong and since he has called an election, I vote for *George* for election as OA for the remainder of the Cycle. Letter follows (I hope).

Chuck Crayne

FRED PATTEN -

February 20, 1968

Dear Cult,

News spreads fast in fandom, so I suppose you'll all have heard of *Lee Jacobs'* death by the time you get this FR. I suppose I could make some joke about my vote usually bringing bad luck, but this is overdoing it, except that I don't feel very humorous.

I don't feel as upset about *Lee's* death as I did about Ron Ellik's last month. I suppose this is mostly because I'm still somewhat numb from the news about Ron. You don't expect fans to die violently and unexpectedly; the news about Ron brought on a large emotional discharge, and it's too soon after this for the news about *Lee* to spark another discharge of the same intensity. Also, *Lee* wasn't as close a friend to me as Ron was. *Lee* was, as *Jimmy Wright* put it, "Mr. Nice"; a perpetually beaming, bland, nice guy with whom it was fun to play cards or exchange casual conversation. I'm sure he did have closer personal contacts with some fannish circles ---- the Burbee-Perdue jazz sessions; the poker and bridge parties; Ed Cox and Kris Neville, and, just recently I think, *Dave Hulan* ---- but they weren't circles in which I travelled. To me, *Lee* was a nice guy who I met regularly at the LASFS and in SAPS and FAPA and the Cult. He did me a couple of favors, which I unfortunately didn't have a chance to repay, and we were as good friends as active members of the same fan club with no strong like or dislike for each other usually get to be. But that's all. I'm sorry that I won't see him around any more, but I can't feel the same personal loss that I still feel over Ron's death. It's unfortunate when circumstances such as these make you compare your feelings for two good people, and one has to fail to measure up to the other. I hope that 1968 isn't going to be another Year of the Jackpot.

Cultishly,

Fred Patten VII

[*Patten's* letter came as a complete surprise to me. I don't recall having ever met *Lee* personally, unless he was one of the LASFans I met in Los Angeles or San Francisco three years ago. I am regretably casual about these things, and I do not know that *Lee* was living on the Coast at that time. But it is a curiosity about Cultac that I do feel lessened by his death ---- the more so because of our disagreement and short exchange of letters. So I would like to express my regrets, to the Cult in general and especially to those who were his personal friends.

Sincerely,

George 3]

Dear George,

Goodness Ghodness, Agnes! There has certainly been a lot of hectic and violent activity in the Cult lately. The brilliant interplay of thrust and parry, lunge, parry and riposte -- with f/ractionals clashing against f/ractionals in dazzling verbal pyrotechnics. A dangerous place, the Cult. After all this sound and fury I am amazed that there isn't more blood in evidence.

Of course, being at best a jonnie-come-lately who knows almost nothing about the Cult, and being a despised iwler at that -- (I see I have been promoted to the active list) -- I have no say in Cult matters. However I have a few opinions which I intend to express

The situation is made more difficult for me by the fact that the two principal contenders are among the fans I number among my friends. Of the present 13 active Members I remember having met eight and am on very friendly terms with four. These include *Scithers* and *Jacobs*.

I feel reasonably sure that *LeeJ* didn't consign *George* to LIMBO, placing his membership in jeopardy, just to live up to the image of an ornery Cultish bastard. *LeeJ* is an unCultish type gentleman who is given to gentleness rather than capricious meanness. He declares repeatedly that he likes *George* and wishes him no harm. Of course his actions don't exactly bear out his protestations. I fear *LeeJ* simply has too much faith in the consistency of fans and fannish institutions, and is too impressed with the inviolability of the Constitution. Few fannish organizations ever let their constitutions stand in the way of what they want to do, and by repute the Cult is not among them. *Lee* is too impressed with fannish pseudolegalities. I am delighted and grateful that *Fred Lerner* had the good judgement to bring the folly to a quick halt and restore *George* to his rightful place on the roster. I think *George* is a good member and was a good OA. He certainly doesn't deserve to have his membership placed in jeopardy for being no more capricious than many other OA's who have not suffered for their flouting of the Sacred Constitutional Writ. In defence of *Lee* I think *Fred* was a bit too harsh on him in his statement in his editorial in FR #210. *Lee's* tampering may have been foolish and unjudicious but I think he is a good Cult Member too, though perhaps too gentle and benign for a typical Cultist.

I am both delighted and a trifle appalled to find myself promoted to the Active Waiting List. It is nice to progress toward Membership of course and I am delighted, but it also brings with it added responsibility. Now I have no choice but to make at least every other FR with a letter or be cast into nether darkness. And if I ever make it into actual Membership there will also be the FR to publish. I have enough trouble trying to make the FAPA Deadlines, and don't always make it ---- another time consuming job may prove too much. Only time can tell.

[Welcome to the ranks of the Actives. I haven't really found that Cultac takes up that much time, except for FR pubbing, of course. (My Diplomacy ally is complaining at this point.) In some ways, the AWL is the best place to be ---- you get almost all the goodies, and don't have to work all that hard. I guess the Cult is a little more strenuous than FAPA when you get down to it.]

Patten: I learned of Ron Ellik's death from a FAPA postmailing from Elmer Perdue. It gave no details whatever. I feel sick about it. Ron was a fine chap and I considered him a friend. What happened? [The S.F.WEEKLY story (#215, Jan.29) says that he skidded on ice and hit a bridge support. It happened January 27 in Wisconsin. He was planning to be married the following week which makes it seem all the sadder.]

Wright: Your accusations against *Scithers*, and at various times various others cause me considerable amusement. Your comment on *Scithers* is typical; "I think he's

been speeding so much that he's left his brain several light-years behind his mouth." I think I know *George* well enough to know it isn't true but it seems more likely of you..... it takes one to know one.

Evers: *Earl*, while I personally deplore the use of drugs I am broad-minded enough to grant everyone the right to follow his own wishes. However, you worry me. I wonder if you will ever survive to rejoin the Cult. If you keep playing around with things like this belladonna spree of yours you may wind up prematurely pushing up daisies. I suppose you must know it, you surely wouldn't take it without knowing, but belladonna is a violent poison and good stuff to leave alone. You would be a lot safer to stick with pot. With the exception of marijuana, none of your favorite vices are safe or harmless, but at least some are less hazardous than others. It would be a shame to poison yourself on the eve of rejoining the Cult.

[Actually, the belladonna is supposed to be made up into an ointment. You strip naked, smear it all over, then pick up your broom..... This *should* be the original trip, but I understand that the mushroom was First.]

Eklund: I think you went quite a bit too far in your letter in FR #209. I am glad to see that you agree. It is easy to be carried away by one's own cleverness and rhetoric, the trouble is that one is nearly always sorry after it is too late. Glad you and *George* seem to have adjusted your differences.

Lerner: A very nice FR buddy, congratulations. Thanks for having the good judgement to end this nonsense and restore *George* to his place as Member #13.

Well, I've killed too much time already so I'd better get this ready to mail or before I know it, I will have missed the letter deadline. See you all in FR #211.

s/*Chuck*

[*Chuck*: In answer to your footnote, I always try to clean up typos. But this assumes that I am awake enough to spot them, recognize them when I see them, and don't think belong to some fannish tradition. And besides all this, at best I have traded your typos for my own.]

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next time I get to the South Seas.....

Hey Groovy! I was at the LA Zoo last Sunday with Ellie Turner and her kids and this woman comes up and says ... "How would you like to go to a TV premier?"

So it turns out to be a two-hour uncut and streaked version of this patriotic organization trying to overthrow the US Govt. after a dastardly takeover by a Rightist President. Like Gestapo'sville, USA! So they had this eight page questionnaire on everything from what is your favorite program of the following ... they did not mention "Stardrek" to what party do you belong to (P&F). The scary thing about it was: 1) most of the audience had those Response-O-Meter gadgets for SCIENTIFIC measurements, and 2) I am sure that the guy leading (doing his thing) was either an Alien or a Russian spy trying to get the lowdown on the psychological makeup of the unwashed American. He had this glassy skin and he spoke too perfect English in a pre-recorded manner.

After all, I'm sure there is a big plot somewhere.....

poor *George*....

s/ *Nab*
NAB

February 18, 1968

Dear George:

Lerner's FR not yet to hand (!) but in answer to your question -- no, I see no reason to send the ballots to *Wright* or anyone else unless & until someone challenges the voting results. Voting on the OAcY (and other matters) has usually been secret except where the voters announced their votes via petition signatures, letters to FR's, etc.

In the matter of write-in votes: although *Tapscott* advises that write-in votes have been accepted in the past, they haven't since FR #169 at least. Certainly the provision that people nominate themselves seems designed to prevent a Member being elected to the OAcY against his will. Furthermore, *LeeJ* previously announced non-OAcY-candidacy. Therefore, I Rule that votes for people who have not filed will be void in the OAclection.

The matter of what constitutes an f/r is still with us. I once suggested, after the *Pelzess/Eney* f/racas (*Eney* said something [SHELTA THARI] he circulated in the Cult was an f/r, and *Dian* didn't, she being OA at the time. *Eney* was reinstated by petition thereafter.), that an f/r, to be legal, had to be designated as an f/r more prominently than it was designated as belonging to any other apa -- i.e., the Cult demands top billing. I think it would help if there were a definite Rule or something -- I mean, do we or do we not want to have f/r credit given to a publication prepared for another apa but circulated simultaneously to the Cult? In the one hand, we'll get to see material that wouldn't otherwise get into the Cult; in the other hand it'll let people use not-Cultish material instead of having to think up something just for the Cult. Suggestions?

[Personally, I like to see something like THE TERREAN once in a while. I suppose it would be a drag if somebody tried to ring in non-Cultzines as a regular thing to the exclusion of normal (?) Cultac. If a Ruling is really needed, maybe it ought to forbid *habitual* use of non-Cult material and leave it up to the OA to decide when it becomes a Problem.]

Eklund: One of the reasons that "CONVERSATION ABOARD A STREETCAR" was a bit confusing was that I had *Geis* turn to *Eklund* on page 10, but *Eklund* didn't get on the streetcar until the bottom of page 11. Trouble is, after four-part FR's, and photo-illustrated FR's, and postcard FR's (yes, there was one; with a good magnifying glass one could read the whole roster on FR <I think> 134), and the conversational FR, what can be done that will be startling, any more? (And still Legal & mailable?) [Well, we could have a Comic Strip FR and maybe someone could translate all the letterac into poetry. What hasn't been used for publication? Maybe *Fitch* could print one!]

Tapscott: Re your comment in f/r 209.1222 that heads talk about nothing but their pot (or whatever) headedness and exceptions are -- er -- exceptional. I sorta thought that the essence of *Goldsmith's* objections to Certain LA Fen was that they avoided talking about their headhood and this was Simply Awful, and to make up for it, *Goldsmith* himself was going to talk about their habit for them.

s/George ¹³ and probably XOA

GORDON EKLUND -

February 16, 1968

George: I vote for *Scithers* for OA. May as well be inconsistent in my inconsistencies. *Lerner's* in the Army and doesn't even see his mail on weekdays. I hardly think he could handle the job properly. *Tapscott's* been OA too often; he's beginning to think he has the job permanently, whether elected or not. ¶ I'm publishing next, I see. I should be able to publish on time, but to avoid a reoccurrence of what happened last Cycle (even though *Metcalf* is no longer with us), I may publish a few days late. Probably not, however. ¶ The last FR was rather uninspired, you know. Best,

s/ Gordon

N. ALEX BRATMON -

February 27, 1968

Dear George,

I have not received notice or FR from *Fred Lerner* as of above date. (Does that sound like I am pissed off?) In any case, no official notice as to if I am still in or if I am Out. However, I do know. I went to LASFS last week. [How were the bananas?] I consider this a *terrible* punishment for not getting off my letter on time. I guess the old mailman just doesn't do as well as he used to, since reading letters is such a strain. [This letter arrived two days after your date above; and one day after the postmark!] Anyway, am applying once more for bottom of long stupe-list. Am sending also to *G.S.* a short note. Am not finding out if He is still He or just plain him.

Use last letter if it has been forwarded..... If not, find out what the hell goes on and please inform yours truly if possible. [Suggest that *Lerner* may have notified you by Third Class mail, which is legal.]

Regards and best wishes if you
are acting OA
and even if not!

s/ *AL Bratmon*

GEORGE H. SCITHERS -

February 28, 1967

Since neither expelling nor forgiving seem entirely appropriate for Members who mess up the Roster (& business, &c.), it is Ruled that such will be Dealt With by requiring publication of appropriate corrections by the erring F R ed. *Lerner*, for example, should inform us the vote count on the *Bailes* reinstatement petition, and that *Dian Pelz* must write to *Heap's* FR, and that *Scithers'* address is Box 352, Fairborn OH 45324 until 10 March.

I think *Pelz* has expressed my feelings better than I could about our loss.

George ¹³

s/ *G*

GEORGE H. SCITHERS -

February 29, 1968

In answer to *Fitch's* Question, does the Cultstitution disallow f/r credit to prior distribution, yes: TLCII III 5, "In orde to count as legal, a F/R must consist at least in part of material not previously published." And during the Whalen Excitement, we pretty well established that "published" means "distributed", among other things.

s/ *G* ^{OA}
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JACK HARNESS -

February 27, 1968

Dear George,

Every once in awhile I actually do sit down and write a CUEt letter; this must be one of those times. Well, yo know I'm not sure I understand this New Wave OAship is pioneering actually apologizing about something. I'm confident our Elected Leader has access to secret and priveleged information that we common

men do not, but still.... Oh, I get it. Very clever, reviving the Non-Existent CA ploy in the CUET. Actually, I think Carl Brandon did it much better.

Obviously, the solution, comrades, is to abolish the obsolete, feudal One-Man, Personality-of-the-Individual CUET, and establish a troika. That's Trumvirate, *Eney*, sorry. Yes. We could have John Boardman represent the Radical Left, *Bruce Pelz* represent the Radical Power Grabbers, and *Ken Goldsmith* to represent the Radical Lotos-Eaters. All three of them could sit in closed sessions and issue carbon-copy correspondence which they could circulate amongst themselves to their heart's content. Meanwhile, the rest of us could get on with the game of the CUET and ignore the Troika, just as the CUET traditionally gangs up on the OA every once in awhile. Of course, the Troika's carbon copies might be amusing if anyone gets around to publishit.

Eney: Good to see that you're going to do a Reader's Digest version of the *Fancy*. I regret that I'm too busy to help you with your project of condensation, though you will no doubt do your usual excellent job on it yourself. (Thinks: *Richard* really *ought* to delete the brain-bending stuff in it, tho like all those complicated *equations*.)

Ken Goldsmith: I was reading D&D and lo, there's someone fawning all over my image in LASFS. "There's someone fawning all over my image in LASFS," I told myself. So I read it all the way through to the end to see who it was. No signature. Really, you're much too modest. There's absolutely no use in having an anonymous acolyte. "I feel humbled by your presence." (Be sure to have a supply of tranquilizers on hand when I make my triumphant return to LASFS. Dark sunglasses might also help.) (Scene of *Harness* returning in triumph to LASFS. Scattering largesse ((No, make that smallgesse; I may be short on funds after so long a stay in England where the pound is falling, the pound is falling)) and stepping daintily on the rose petals thrown in my pathe ((because they may not have removed all the thorns)). A faltering youth bashfully removes his hat and collapses at my feet in reverence. I tap him once on each shoulder with the business end of a large horse-needle and say, "Arise *Sir* Kenneth." The lad arises, all glowing confidence and charged with purpose, his callow fears dissolved. Also his brain dissolved by infusions of ~~ESD~~. *Harness* raises his hand to speak:)

"Now, about the evils of drug addiction ----" (Crash! A young man's illusions are shattered. He hadn't read CUET history and didn't know his idol had feet of clay, officially.) Let's differentiate between two things: Sensation and improvement. They do not necessarily equate to each other. Example: No matter how many times *Tapscott* fell down a well, it woudn't really benefit him. He'd have lots of sensation though, and might even become an expert at falling down wells, but it woudn't lead to any improvement in him. Now, multicoloured amoebas gliding in and out of the wall, that's lots of sensation, isn't it? Or other visions -- wow! But it doesn't appear to have any lasting improvement on the individual. After all, what are your standards? Lots of people hear voices and see visions that tell them things, verbally or change-of-viewpointwise. The Christian Church tends to accept all these things as the straight sooth. There was a little old lady whom God commanded to kill President Eisenhower and Arthur Godfrey (maybe not in that exact order; it was some time ago I read it). I'm not talking about any legal or it's-my-right-to-do-what-I-want aspects here, just actual cases. India is an example of mysticism centuries-old; the apathy is almost as old. For comparison purposes, reasonable amounts of alcohol require 24 hours for the person to have all the effects washed out of his system. Reasonable amounts of marijuana, up to a month, ~~ESD~~ up to six months. Coffee, tea (lower case), cigarettes, not time whatever. This is in terms of how long after taking these things a person is still subject to their depressing influence in terms of spiritual awareness. They knock out the props of a person, really. More on this later.

PILLYSPOCK

#1

18 November 1967

MS. FOUND IN AN EMPTY OXYGEN TANK

These verses were found by Mr. Roger Herwell, a freelance poet of Intercession, Pennsylvania, in an oxygen tank which allegedly fell through the roof of a motel room in which he was staying. Mr. Herwell, whose reliability is less than total, asserts that he looked through the hole in the ceiling and saw a strange sort of aircraft hovering overhead. According to him, a man with yellow jaundice and deformed ears looked out from the object and shouted, "What year is it?" Upon learning the answer, he and the whole craft vanished. Upon examining the oxygen tank, which was stenciled "Starship Enterprises", Mr. Herwell found these limericks, apparently the work of a crewman.

A starship commander named Kirk
Emerged from his cabin berseak.
He grabbed a girl yecman
Beneath the abdomen
And gave her a physical jerk.

A girl of the Enterprise crew
Refused every offer to screw,
But a Vulcan named Spock
Crawled under her smock,
And now she is eating for two.

An Enterprise sailor named Gene
Left Earth, never more to be seen.
At a point out in space
He essayed the embrace
Of a girl who was contra-terrene.

The Enterprise girls, so one bears,
Have chased Spock for several years.
His look of disdain
Has spared them great pain,
For his prick is as sharp as his ears.

The work of Mess Sergeant Potgieter
Is not merely reading a meter.
By orders of Kirk,
A part of his work
Is dosing the food with saltpoter.

Said crew-girl Angelica Bauer,
"The captain's withdrawn, cold, and sour?"
Uhura said, "No,
"At night that's not so,
"He doesn't withdraw for an hour."

McCoy's a seducer galore
And of virgins he has quite a score,
He tells them, "My dear,
"You're the final frontier,
"Where men never has gone before."

There once was a spaceman named Spock
Who had a huge Vulcanized cock.
A girl from Missouri
Whose name was Uhura
Just fainted away from the shock.

The Enterprise crew, when off work,
Will fuck like an Ottoman Turk.
Uhura the Zulu
Is shackled up with Sulu,
And Spock shares a crew-girl with Kirk.

Each Friday his engines abort,
But Scotty is never caught short,
He fills his machines
With space-navy beans
And farts the ship back into port.

An Enterprise crewman named	This is
Amos	
Became universally famous,	O An
When his penis, one night,	P Great
Went up out of sight,	E Intervals
And deflowered six virgins	R This
on Deimos.	A Appears
	T To

Though most of the crewmen are	I Inflamm
whites,	C Optic
Uhura has full equal rights.	N Nerves
Her crewmates, you see,	
Love democracy	# 349
And the way that she fills out her thighs,	

The prick of the engineer Scott
Fell off from Saturnian rot.
He went to the basement
And made a replacement
Of tungsten and plastic and snot.

These verses will positively not
be reprinted in Spockmania.

