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Before I forget it, lemme ask you if any of you remember a fine old movie serial called "The Iron Claw"? Well, anyway, I don't, but I'm going to find out tomorrow; yes, gang, the Fantasy Film Club is showing the whole damn thing Saturday, 13 Jun 64, at *Dick* *Lupoff's* place starting about 6:30 pm and You Are All Invited, except for one little slider nicking the outside of the plate -- the FFC had to pay to rent the thing, and admission's a buck and a half. Chickenfeed, of course... At any rate, I'm going, and I entreat you all to attend also. One thing about the FFC showings -- they're a hell of a lot of fun. In fact, they are even more fun if the show is lousy. You should have caught the 16-odd installments one Sunday afternoon of Gene Autry in an sf serial about some mad underground kingdom...it was interminable (from approx. 1 pm to 7:30) but it was a gas. Yes, Movies Are Better Than Ever. This has been an unpaid, uncalled-for gratuitous advertisement included in FIRST DRAFT because mainly if I didn't write it down I'd probably forget to go myself...

What do the following people have in common? Terry Carr, Bob & Carol Chazin, Prentiss & Gretchen Choate, Ed & Jessie Clinton, Danny Curran, Avram & Grania Davidson, Calvin Demmon, Mike Domina, Earl Evers, Don Fitch, Les Gerber, Lou & Cynthia Goldstone, Chuck Hansen, Lee Hoffman, Marty Jukofsky, Arnie Katz, Jerry & Miri Knight, Al (EC) Lewis, Al (WC) Lewis, Bob Lichtman, Dick & Pat Lupoff, Dave MacDonald, Andy Main, Mike McInerney, Ray Nelson, Ben Orlove, Ted Pauls, Tom Perry, Joe Pilati, Andy Porter, Art Rapp, Bob Silverberg, bhub Stewart, Steve Stiles, John & Bjo Trimble, Dave Van Arnam, Ardis Waters, Harry Warner, Ted White, Frank Wilimczyk, Rich Bergeron, Bill Blackbeard, John Boardman, Hannes Bok, rich brown. (If I don't think that b comes before c in alphabetical order, then b doesn't come before c in alphabetical order.)

No, we didn't have 54 people at the last Fanoclasts meeting. The last Fanoclasts meeting included Andy Main, Ted White, me, Steve Stiles, rich brown, Frank Wilimczyk, Mike McInerney, John Boardman, and Arnie Katz, who doesn't hate the Mets after all. Erratum to last issue: the last FISTFA meeting was of course not the first FISTFA meeting attended by Ted White. Ted White was at the Boardman conclave. It was, however, Ted's first appearance at the McInerney-brown sessions.

But back to that list up there. Anyone at the meeting tonight who can guess what those names have in common will get the next issue of FIRST DRAFT absolutely free!

(What's that? You thought FIRST DRAFT was always free? You don't know about the hideous geas I have put you all under by forcing you to accept previous issues of this estimable publication? I must have forgotten to tell you; well, sorry, gang, it's too late now, you've all had it....)

It is Very Bad Form to split a paragraph 1 line on a page. So...

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So this is a brand new paragraph.

FIRST DRAFT, The Fanzine With A Purpose.

Free prizes for guessing what that is, too, gang.

Coming soon in FIRST DRAFT: The Collected Works of Tillie May Poggins!

I have a feeling that Joe Pilati has been at several of the recent Fano-clasts Fridays and that somehow I've left him out. This would not be a Good Thing. Official apologies if I have. Like, I think he was at the last one....

In addition to my crime of being a dedicated Nixon supporter, I am also a reader of NATIONAL REVIEW. I started reading it back when I was in my last year of college, oh, early '57. It was about the funniest thing going at that time except for maybe MAD, which was going down hill. I have, however, since modified my reactions to NR, and too, perhaps, NR has modified some of its positions considerably. I used to laugh at and (or, and/or) scorn 90% of the magazine. I would suppose that figure has dropped to 40 or 50% now.

I tend to enjoy NR most when it is putting the needle to the Liberal Establishment and points out the many contradictions, inconsistencies, and fallacies (hey, sounds like I'm talking about the BOONDOGGLE) of the liberal, left, and radical left in this and other countries. I enjoy it least when they flop back and forth like gaffed fish on the civil rights issues (the current issue proclaims that the recent flood of violence in NYC is, to quote, "...let us face it -- race war."). They are honestly concerned about the Negro situation in this country (or at least Buckley is, as he showed in his recent confrontation with Norman Mailer on -ptui- David Susskind's Open End. (Hey, that's funny! "David Susskind's Open End.") But at least they support the Maccabees, with reservations. (I wonder what they'd think of the Subway Incident.)

NR is especially interesting when it discusses figures such as Dr. Oppenheimer and Nehru. This issue, for instance, has quite an impressive list of Nehru's less admirable positions. It also has a pleasant entry on a recent speech of Oppenheimer's. But most interesting in this issue is a lengthy analysis of the constitutionality of Ike's running for vice-president. It seems that there is a good case for holding that the 12th and 22nd Amendments do not bar an ex-President from running for Vice President. "...the 22nd Amendment does not bar a two-term ex-President from again holding the office, but only from being elected to it." Of course, NR is proposing a Goldwater-Eisenhower ticket, which does not interest me; but I certainly would like to see a Nixon-Eisenhower ticket.

Another interesting article is "On the Slanting of the News." It's too bad John Boardman is, as I understand, on his way to Texas this evening, because I'd like to discuss it with him. It has a very good put-down of John's criticism of Nixon's early campaigns which John was discussing with me a month or two ago.

Buckley also has an article on "...the single most irresponsible political proposal of the decade, namely, that Robert F. Kennedy should be nominated for the Vice Presidency of the United States." Sample: "...Robert, and Teddy, are a part of the mystical body, and objects, in American politics, not of discussion but of veneration."

And then there's the idea of running Bobby against Keating...