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"HE WON THE ARGUMENT AND
MOVED 39 PEOPLE UP THE
WAITING LIST"



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I had thought that perhaps I might include a few more words for one Rich Bron, to go along with the cover this issue but it really isn't worth the trouble. My own opinions probably can't be changed and I'm equally sure that Mr. Bron isn't going to change his. I'm sure that Mr. Bron feels that the illustration aptly conveys my feelings and my generally attitude towards liberals in general.

Matter of fact I'm not sure myself that it may not be exact and that it represents my attempt at humor. We'll let it stand as is!

Included in this mailing should be an Index to various awards, I have been trying to get it ready for close to a year now and thought that it was complete in all details. My offset press is down in Ohio under the fond care of one Lynn Hickman who generously got it running recently. I explained that I'd come down there and run off the masters when the manuscript was ready. He suggested that I send the manuscript directly to him and he would burn the masters. It seemed an excellent idea!

Originally I would have have printed this last June, you wouldn't believe the long string of coincidents that made it impossible - so I won't detail them.

Regardless, some of the sheets have been printed for several months now and yesterday The Sims and I went down for a visit. I took along the remainder of the manuscript and we ran those off. I picked up the boxes of finished sheets and came home.

Late last night I started assembling the sheets. First it appeared that one sheet was missing. It was located and I went back to collating. Suddenly I realized that there were no sheets on the Nebula awards, except for the one sheet I'd printed yesterday. It turned out that information on the Nebula's was not included in the manuscript

Barrine even more misfortune these sheets will be printed and will appear in a future mlg, hopefully the April mailing. If anyone cares enough they can loosen the staples and rebind it as a whole, as it was intended.

When it's completed I will sell the remaining copies, slightly over 150 copies. If I sell enough I'll recover the money I spent on preparing it and if there seems any real demand for such a work I will from time to time reprint it and keep it up to date.

Personally I consider it a valuable work and something that ought to be generally available. At the same time both myself and Don Franson entertain strong doubts. When I suggested it he said, "Go ahead and distribute it in FAPA and sell them if you can ... they won't appreciate it anyway. I rather think he's right!

From the practical standpoint I'm sure I could have managed my credentials much easier and cheaper by simply typing my customary 8 pgs and running them off haphazardly, as is my wont.

Oh well, in the next year I'll have lots of time and ambition and I'll really get on the ball and produce all kinds of things for FAPA.

You wanna bet ?