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THE 'L' YOU SAY
 ***** --comments on APA L 31

FERINGSTAN #1--(Lupoff) You are putting us on, aren't you Dick? I hope you were because I laughed my fool head off at this.

NYET VREMIA--(Pelz) Before you ask Dave what he will do if Syracuse wins in '66, don't you think you ought to answer my question of several disties back concerning what you'll do if Syracuse doesn't win? You wouldn't take Baltimore over New York, would you...or is Syracuse going to bid again in '67? If there are three cities bidding for the '67 con it should be interesting to say the least. It seems to me that at the present, Baltimore is the city with the least chance of winning at any time. New York is fighting hard to overcome prejudice and bad publicity, but as of right now, I think Syracuse would win a three~~city~~ tussle. If NY can throw another successful Eastercon next year and Ted and Dave as travelling good will ambassadors can attend enough regional cons talking it up for NY then it might have a chance to edge out Syracuse. If Syracuse wins in '66 and it becomes a battle with Los Angeles, I don't think it would stand a chance.

FIRST DRAFT--(Van Arnam) When Charles Wells was here, he mentioned having met "Van Arnam" and further remarked that he'd never seen anybody slipsheet so rapidly in his life. As a matter of fact, he said it looked downright mechanical. You know, too many people have seen the guy with the beard for him not to exist. I say that you are using an automaton to further the hoax. Certainly, people like Fred Lerner, who have attended FISTFA meetings and met "Van Arnam" in the past would never be trusted to keep the secret by themselves. It's evident that the New York fringe fans were also duped. Since rich brown doesn't have a younger brother with a beard who is living in New York (as far as I know) it must have been the simulicrum who gave Eny the file of FD at the Disclave. It is interesting to speculate where ordinary type fans would get the money or technical knowhow to construct such a device. In fact, it's damn suspicious. I suspect that one of them is in the pay of the government to "test" the model and see how long it will take for the localites to catch on (if ever) This is just the first such sneaky trick we can expect from Washington. The post office is probably in on it too. ...And you don't think --- and maybe even...well he does work for the state department, you know. That might explain the feud between them all these years ...strictly simulated to throw off suspicion. ...now rich brown is now...

HOMBREN--(Mann) Why shouldn't APA L zines count. If such as Pelz and Patten can use 'em to jack up their house numbers, who are we to disdain them? But you know what's frightening? Take away all the 'L' zines you've published since October and then see what you've published. Then compare it to what you published last year during the interval. I know I've published at least twice as much outside stuff. And to think I used to think I was an active publisher...well...

sorry to minac again...more next
 week, maybe --Len

