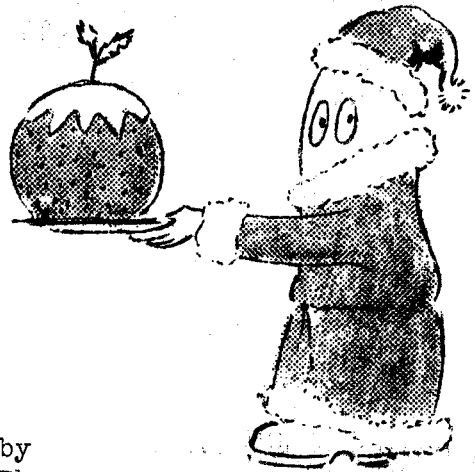


No 10

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With a Special
Foot-note by
Terry Jeeves.

"She wanted to repair her
moccasins so I loaned
her "The Last Of The Mohicans"..."



This is mi number ten, written and wrought by Eric Bentcliffe (That Recent Missionary To The New World), who dwells at 47, Alldis St, Great Moor, Stockport, Cheshire, England. - And how mundane that sounds after being at addresses like Box 702, Bloomington, Illinois, and 402 Maple Avenue, Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, and like. Kindly Ron Bennett is duplicating, and mailing mi with SKYRACK for me.

mi TO GO MONTHLY AGAIN SOON!

I hope, but it won't be until February or so, I think. Reason for this being that I want to get my report on my American Experiences finished just as soon as ever possible. Since I returned from the States I've been pretty ruthless in ignoring a heck of a lot of good fanzines that have arrived, in not answering some letters and tapes which I'd have liked to answer, and in staying home at weekends when I felt like dashing off to Liverpool, Harrogate, and points South to tell of my adventures abroad. Heck, I've even cut down on my love life.... However, I think I've been justified in doing this, for the tale of my TAFF TRIP is now well under way (I wanted to get it all down while my memories were fresh), and I hope to have it all on stencil before the New Year.

At the moment I'm 'somewhere in Cincinnati' with it, and the stencil I've just taken out of the typer (to cut this) is number 62! I'm not sure what the final page count will be, but it looks like being around 80....there's quite a lot of ground to cover yet.

I'M CALLING IT "EPITAFF"

But hope it won't be my swan-song. Eddie Jones is kindly doing the illos for me (Emsh has also been good enough to provide an interesting illo), and Sober Norman Shorrocks will be doing the duping. Offers to help collate the monster wouldn't go amiss! It's not possible yet to say when it will be out, but, certainly, we hope to make it before the Easter Convention and to have it on sale there. Price will be 7/-, or One Dollar, per copy, and all profits will go to TAFF. Orders may be sent to either



myself, or to Don Ford (Box 19-T, RR2, Ward's Corner Road, Loveland, Ohio, USA). Kill two birds with one stone, and send in your TAFF VOTE AND SUB at the same time, eh? Made payable to the respective TAFF administrator, please.

YES, I SAW THE WHITE HOUSE

And Ted & Sylvia were in....I also got to visit Dave & Ruth Kyle at Radio Station WPDM, Larry & Noreen Shaw at Staten Island, Doc! Barrett at Indian Lake, Don Ford in Loveland (Ohio, that is!), Bob and Fern Tucker in Bloomington, Lynn & Carole Hickman in Dement, Dean & Jean Grennell at Fond du Lac, Betty & Gene Kujawa in South Bend, and Dale & LeRoy in Minneapolis. And then there were all the people at Pittsburgh...with a list of which I could easily fill the rest of this page. I went to a fine party at the Dietz apartment in New York, and another one at the Hotel Chesterfield in that same city. I went up the Empire State, round Manhattan Island, and waved to the Statue of Liberty...

But I couldn't do justice to the trip in this format. It was a Fabulous Experience, and I'm deeply grateful to everyone Here, and everyone There, who made it all possible for me. I hope that my forthcoming chronicle will serve as an indication of how much I enjoyed it all...and as a 'Thank You' to you all. Fandom is worthwhile, and don't let anyone tell you differently.

...If I'm a Hobbit, that makes you an Ent, Don.....

PHOTOS ANYONE

I'm in the process of compiling an album of snaps and such (when lost for inspiration) of my Stateside journey, and if anyone who took photos at Pittsburgh (or Other Places) is willing to send copies along to me, I'll most gladly pay the cost and postage. PLEASE ?

AMONG MY SOUVENIRS

Which are now on show here at the Bentcliffe Museum Of Fannish Miscellania are, A Furry Bat Named Eric...presented to me by Larry and Noreen Shaw, A Can Of Hawaiian Air From South Bend Indiana, Free Maps of most of the United States...kindly provided by Shell, Sunoco, Texaco, and Standard via Bob Pavlat (That Very Excellent Companion), A Silver Dollar from the fabulous STAGECOACH in Minneapolis (the walls of which are hung with around 3,000 guns - no place for a stick-up, this!)...and sundry bric a brac which brings back happy memories. You know, I should have called this 'TRAILER' instead of mi...

BASTION TWO WILL BE DUE

Says. he with delightful vagueness...sometime not too late next year. Actually, I've got the material here on hand, and I'm faunching to get to work stencilling it, but this also has to await the completion of my report. The reaction to the first issue was exceptionally good, and I'd like to thank all you kindly writers of letters of comment which will make up an excellent letter-section next issue. There's material to hand by Doc' Weir, Hurstmonceaux & Faversham (A Harrison Story, of course), and Avram Davidson (His " Who Killed S-F" panel speech), among others. There may, I'm afraid, have to be a slight pruning of the mailing list, due to the number of new names I've added to it since America...so, if you haven't sent a fanzine, a loc, or money lately, nows the time! It says here. 4 for 5/-, 6 for One Dollar. And to hastily change the topic from that of filthy fannish huckstering...may I be the first to WISH YOU ALL A VERY MERRY X'MAS.....

Cheers. *Eric* EB.