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Aforesaid Eric Bentcliffe being the highly delighted and pleasantly crogled, Successful TAFF Candidate for 1960....has now got his USA Visa, been 'scratched' for Smallpox, and is faunching for August 28th to come around. For further details on the awesome significance of this date....Read On.

How could I lose - HARRISON Voted For Me!

To be serious for a moment tho', I would like to say that I'm deeply conscious of the honour of being chosen as the 1960 TAFF Delegate, my grateful thanks to all you folk who were kind enough to vote for me, and to those who 'plugged' me left right and centre - like Terry Jeeves, Norman Shorrock, Eric Jones, Archie Mercer, Alan Dodd, Eddie Jones, Alan Burns, Sture Sedolin, and all. Thanks, everyone....and I'll do me best to be a worthy choice. And may I offer my condolences to Mal Ashworth (Who Should Stand Again For TAFF) and to Sandy Sanderson (Who Will Be Seeing America, anyway). NOW..... HOW ABOUT STARTING IN SUBSCRIBING RIGHT AWAY TO BRING THE NEXT TAFF DELEGATE FROM AMERICA OVER ??? Don Ford and I will be having a natter at Pittsburgh to decide on when this could be feasible - if money started coming in right away (to Ron, until October 1st), it could be possible to have a Stateside fan at Kettering next year.

LOCK UP YOUR ASTOUNDINGS FOR SEPTEMBER '43!

American fans, that is! At the moment I'm having a great deal of fun planning varied itineraries in the USA, the Travel Brochure stack is getting to rival this months fanzine pile in size and everything is highly conducive to pleasant day-dreaming. This much is certain, I'll be flying from Manchester to Montreal on the night of August 28th, and, probably, be returning by the same route on September 18th. Dave Kyle has kindly offered to meet me at Montreal airport (I haven't broken the news to him yet that I'm due in at 5.40am!) and convey me to Potsdam, New York State. I'm hoping to spend a couple of days in New York City itself before heading out to Pittsburgh, which, of course, will be the HIGHSPOT of the visit. I'm looking forward to it... and that's the old British Gift For Understatement in use! After the convention just about anything can happen...Terry & Miriam Carr have been kind enough to invite me out to Berkeley, Betty Kujawa has invited me to South Bend, and quite a few other kind people have offered hospitality. It's nice being a TAFF Candidate. I'm not sure yet which invites I'll be able to take up, I'd like to take 'em all up but time may not allow...I'm hoping to be able to give a little more definite information on my proposed route in the next mi. One city I definitely will be visiting is MINNEAPOLIS, to stay a few days with my long-time correspondent and friend Dale R. Smith - I'd particularly like to hear from any fans within easy roach of Minneapolis and environs. Incidentally, I'm sharing a room at Pittsburgh with P.Schuyler Miller, I mentioned this to Norman Shorrock in a Top That vein - he replied that he's sharing a room with the BSFA Chairman at Kettering...Touche!

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This paragraph was contributed by one of Harrison's able lieutenants, who prefers to remain anonymous lest He discovers his whereabouts - actually the postmark was Paris, and even I know he's supposed to be on a rather important job in Scunthorpe...and, there was lipstick on the envelope! As Harrison himself would say, " Baks leesh, Effendi's !! "

UMIRATH REMAINS UNDISCOVERED

Our fan-on-the-spot Sid Birchby reports from world focal point Umhausen in the Austrian Tyrol :- " Tension is mounting following the publication in George Locke's fanzine SMOKE of a letter from fellow gliding enthusiast Dick Schultz, describing how he went up in a friend's glider and saw the Alps. Claims well-informed cellar-man Ludwig Fassbier ' This is a flagrant spying mission by American agents, backed by a prominent member of the British Army, Brigadier Locke. We warn such people that if they continue to take unauthorized looks at our Alps, our Flugelhorns will blast them out of the sky. Have another beer'. Meanwhile the Zither factories are working night and day and Schuhplatter troops are everywhere. As the Tyrol prepares to defend its edelweiss harvest against the invading tourists, observers predict a fighting retreat into the mountains until there isn't another Alpenstock. "

YOU CAN DRIVE A HORSE AND CART ROUND THE TOP OF THAT CHIMNEY

Said Sheila Ashworth, carefully evading my query on how you could get a Horse and Cart up there in the first place! This was in Bradford, of course, where I visited Mal and Sheila with Ron Bennett a couple of weekends ago. I was met at the station barrier by Mal and Sheila holding a banner bearing the legend 'WE DEMAND A RECOUNT'! We had a very pleasant few hours together, drinking Irish Coffee and talking of things fannish. Like I said, Mal should stand for TAFF again... I've also visited Norman and Ina again since the last mi - I called in 'for a couple of hours' on the Saturday and eventually got home at 11pm Sunday! And I can't think of a better excuse why BASTION isn't out yet. It is fairly well advanced tho', and the paper was ordered a few days ago....watch out fandom, is all.

Eric Bentcliffe

LEXICON IN SIXTY - ONE

Ron Bennett kindly duplicated this issue.