

# THE MICHIGAN FANTASITE

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**INTRODUCTION** This is the first issue of THE MICHIGAN FANTASITE, the extremely unofficial organ of the Wolverine Insurgents, the unorganized but active outstate sfen of Michigan. It will be sent to anyone with a 50%-plus probability of being able to read whom we think might benefit from the message of freedom and the call to Insurgentism which is enshrined in these hallowed pages. If you chafe under the bondage of bureaucracy, this means you!

**HISTORY** Wolverine Insurgentism rose on the radioactive ruins left by the Blowup. It is of fandom, by fandom, and for fandom, and is dedicated to the proposition that all fen are equal in an anarchy. Wolverine Insurgents are the most active fans in fandom, for they waste no time on the purposeless redtape of local fanclubs. Wolverine Insurgents are 100% NFFF. Wolverine Insurgents are 100% Norweston. Wolverine Insurgents are 100% certain that local fanclubs are warts on the nose of progress.

**NEXT MEETING** No one knows when the Insurgents next will gather. Their intellects freed from the burdens of trying to maintain cumbersome fanorganizations, the Insurgents have developed psi ability to usable degree. Some evening in the near future, the message will sound clarion-clear on the telepathic band. "The Insurgents are gathering!" and we will assemble. Not once has telepathy failed us. You, too, could be a slan, but never while your mind is cluttered with Constitutions, OC's, official meetings, membership lists, and other debris of bureaucracy.

**LAST MEETING** Yesterday evening Insurgents met. They discussed all phases of fandom. They discussed electronics, acoustics, and aesthetics. They heard a musical interpretation of a highly fannish order, and laid plans for making this delightful artistry available to Insurgents and others who would appreciate its delicate nuances of tone and rhythm.

Last weekend, Insurgents went en masse northward, to carry a missionary message to the freedom-loving fen of Cadillac. Saddened that they were too late to save Ray Nelson from the grim clutches of The System, Insurgents nevertheless expounded the doctrine of liberty and action to the northern slans who assembled to do them honor.

They devoured a chicken dinner prepared by Mrs. Nelson. They triumphantly toured Cadillac in a two-car cavalcade. They inspected and approved the YMCA. They listened in on a City Council meeting and a basketball game. They attended a midnight banquet on the bluff overlooking Lake Cadillac. They uttered words of wisdom which were recorded for posterity in memory of the occasion. They enjoyed Sunday dinner in Cadillac's finest restaurant as guests of the Mayor of the city.

They planted in the northern wasteland the seed of Insurgentism, a seed that will flower into luxuriant life, and by its freeing of fannish intellects from the pettiness of local bunds, promote the interests of fandom as a whole, building ever higher the unifying edifice of outstate Michigan fanactivity.

NEW MEMBERS In Insurgentism, this is a semantically meaningless phrase. Insurgentism has no members. Insurgency is a state of mind. No matter how hemmed in you are by regulation-scribbling bureaucrats, you, too, can become an Insurgent.

Kick over the traces! Emerge from the fog!

Insurgents of the world, arise! You have nothing to lose but your chains!

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