

AEditorially speaking.....(for the last time!).....

Sorry about the lateness of this mailing, but other things which I considered more important had to take precedence, I'm afraid.

Okay then, to summarise the present position: in my opinion, OMPA in its present state should be wound up, with the possibility of reopening if and when the apa situation in the UK improves. However, a majority of the membership (the active membership, that is), namely Ken Cheslin, Frank Denton, Bobbie Gray and Keith Walker, disagree with me. Fair enough; OMPA will therefore continue if somebody will take over the AEs hip. As you know, I've had two offers to do this, one from Keith and one from Ken. I offer the job first to Keith, if he's still interested, for the following reasons: though I disagree with his methods, he seems the keenest supporter of continuance, and maybe he has the drive and enthusiasm to get OMPA going again; it is unfair to lumber Kench with the job again, and besides he seems to have enough mundane problems on his plate.

Okay then Keith, the ball is now in your court. Do you still want the job? If you do, I want to know from you between now and November 7th whether you are able to take over all the files etc. if I bring them to Novacon with me. If you are unable to do this, it will mean either a trip for you to Spondon to pick them up, or a trip for me to Lancaster to hand them over. I'd be reluctant to agree to this last one, because I can't really spare the time. (The cost of petrol I should expect to reclaim from OMPA funds, of course.) Anyway Keith, please let me know your wishes as soon as you can, especially if you no longer want the job, as in that case I shall have to get in touch with Ken before Novacon to see if I can drop the stuff off at his place whilst I'm in the area for the con.

What will happen to the Treasurer's office I know not, as I've heard not a word from Darroll throughout this whole crisis. He did express a verbal opinion at some con or other to the effect that he thought OMPA should be wound up, but he didn't say what he would do if OMPA continued, as it looks like doing.

Contents of 79th. mailing:

OFF TRAILS 79 (1p); WHATSIT 29 (7pp) from 193 Cheslin; 'OT ON THE TRAILS 17 (2pp) from 201 Bishop; VAGARY 30A (20pp) from 055 Gray. Total 30pp.

State of the Parties: Bishop, Cheslin, Clifton, Gray, Mearas and Pardoe are paid up until the end of 1975. Denton is paid up to the end of June 1975 only, but got the last mailing and will get this one, since he has expressed interest in the continuance of OMPA. Eney sent me \$5 and some IRCs in payment for 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ years' sub., and is thus paid up unto the end of 1976. I didn't pass this on to Darroll (I can use dollar bills anyway) but have not claimed mailing expenses for the last mailing or two. I haven't reckoned it up, but I'm pretty sure OMPA is ahead on the deal. Not to worry. I'm not sure that Walker ever paid this year's sub. - I don't remember hearing from Darroll that he did - but, c'est la vie.

 The membership list is exactly as it appears in OT 76, with the possible addition of Sam Long, who will get this anyway. The following people owe activity for the current year: Bishop 11pp; Denton 4pp; Eney 7pp; Mearas 20pp; Pardoe 20pp.

