

ONE F.A.N.'S OUTLOOK for fapa and fandom eternal  
•FAPanning (for gold or otherwise)

First mailing for 1948 may yet be known as the milong mailing. Howard, Graham, and Canadian Fandom sent in their pages, and the latter is worthy of loud cheers. As my copy has evaporated, I'll not comment on CanFan here...Then came the Mineature Mailing. A FANDora box. As I hoped, Burb is making fapa bubble and froth with new life...Oracle's comment on religion being a force today can be used to refer to politics, too. And "farce" might fit in well in both instances. With the preoccupation of congressmen for speech-study, I wonder if any politicians are studying semantics... It should be easy beside "international semantics" for the UN boys. A sudden thought unrelated to mailing: in Sunday April 18 issue, on an article on gifted children, and two of 'em mentioned in the article is a H. H. Holmes (Anthony Boucher) who is credited with authorship of Rocket to the Moon (sic), also identified as a 36-year-old W. A. P. White (teacher and writer of Berkeley, Calif.); and Lyon Sprague de Camp, 40, "graduate in engineering from Cal. Tech, and M. I. T. expert in naval architecture and patents, has published several patents (please substitute "books" for the last word) ... and three successful novels." These 2 grown-up genicuses (I shud say geni?) are the leading two "examples" of a study in the health, personality and developments of mentally superior infants...Back to politics: extremes like New Dealism, isolationism, and pacificism seem to be alike quite unrealistic. ...EESmith has been known to confuse me, as has van Vogt. As understanding is paramount purpose of speech, it'd be nice if such details could be considered by editors when the author slips. Campbell, of course, couldn't be expected to completely rewrite their stuff, but a rewrite sometimes would aid.

LIGHT's poem Corpsebound appealed. Fantasy Vignettes nicely grouped for major effect. Pics good...I'd say the three-color one was eye-catching, as was the cover for THREE-EYE. Sparkling smile goes to SPARX...Diagram (or SCARAB) colorful--in its paper--and neatly cut. (So far it seems that the cushion sheets I got since the first Oaf's Outlook is making sharper stencil without cutting out "is".) SYNAPSE enjoyed. Pre-planning for armed services can go a long way. For example, if we plan to take Luna as a base, or cust anyone else from that vantage spot, we'd be really going cosmic on us. Technically the transmission of men and equipment to Luna might be harder than keeping alive there; deep mines, and submarines, have influenced technical developments in pressure-control. Retaining pressure against a near-vacuum shouldn't be too hard. Atomic fuels, and hydroponic plants, might even make the moon a logical hideaway locale for bomb-dodgers. A grimly humorous thought if A-Bombs from a Lunar base singed all plant-life by action of radioactive gasses (say) and left moon-colonists the only living humans of the solar system...SKY HOOK--Maybe fantasists are prone to retreat from the "world of reality." If they "retreat" far enough to be safe from A-Bombs they might still be important citizens of post-blowup days. But talk isn't action; they're as far apart as talk of "race equality" and its practice...I wonder if FFM stories sound "terribly sensational" to readers who're non-fan. Fen, 'tis said, think their vagaries are something apart. I know musicians, butchers, and printers who seem to take pride in their eccentricity and superior selves.



•FAPAnning (continued)

JABBERWOCKY on dreamlike writing makes me desire to read some fannish short-story in that style. If Ack tried it for Glem it'd probably meet with approval. As a short story it probably get time to enjoy it, but an unfinished book, no. (It takes too much cogitation.) GLOM not gloomy. Here ERE's prognostications are correct, and not attuned with another World of If. COSTAK is a readable spam. Defining the terms to everyone's satisfaction would be a miracle in itself. Artificially defined terms don't lead to understandings, just dogmas. (?) Book on gambling might aid a professional gambler, but they're somewhat acquainted with the game as it is. Dice might be the simpler game to get the best of, if you know how. There's more intangibles in card-playing--more hidden elements. EGO-BEAST informal and well-done. If FAPA adopted a policy of advertising to all, some fen might expire before they got on the list. After all, there is a certain turnover. If number of members was unlimited there'd probably be an over supply of mags with not enough time to read. Other apas might help the hopeful non-Fapan. SOIPDALGEIF has flavor of Burbee l-shot. My copy of the Eternal Ack has ending missing.

MI SKRIBAS Astonishing listing appreciated. Rick, your comment on mental isolation of many fen (from contributing to letter-columns) may be due in part to lack of more than 27 hours in a day (using Burb's time-schedule).

H-1661 has more bomb-dodging talk. It takes guts to get started on a new life, but I doubt if it's unbearable. Co-op fan center worth thought. The uncertainty element in dodging A-Bombs is great; during war it'd be hard for a soldier to scam at will, for example. So patriotism and other deterrents may hold back the ones who would otherwise desire to survive. I'd differentiate between doom-belief and doom-possibility. Neither is wholly "realistic." But reason isn't the "prime directive" of Man...Several nearby readers of the stuff and according to the piles on the newsstand's scores more. The guy who hauls me to work was a Wonder reader till a wife and 2 kids (or was it vice versa?) took up too much of his time. In Santa Ana one of the clerks in a second-hand magazine place is a Merritt fan, and also reads Lovecraft and other fantasy. I may have her converted to Astounding by now; she seemed favorably impressed with its locks and the sales-talk I gave of the idea-patterns of some of the yarns. She reads Blue Book stf and fantasies too...In this shop a couple days ago I met a guy who's been reading Amazing "since the first issue." So we talked a bit on the large-size ancient issues, on space travel and the unbelief of some humans. He said that Astounding took over most of the good authors of Amazing when she started up. Whaddya think? I wondered why Amazing read that way...ICHOR poetry too subtle for my rapid perusal. Parables ok. ...PLANTEUR--A two-party system can be rather successful, but in Europe it's common (outside of diotatorlands) to have a score of parties, and then form a coalition if needed, with a premier and cabinet. Communists must be curious critters; they speak as if they were radicals, and of "international" affairs, yet when they gain power they become ultra-patriotic and cut-right reactionary. (Pardon me overstepping logic in above.) Einstein would label it relativity. Book reviews inspire a nod. Sojourn in Denver likewise. Front cover deserves prize.



More FAPA Rationalizing

LETHE's ed reminds me, I used to know a Jack Riggs in grade school in Illinois. Could there be 2? Local cineman says B rics cost half and draw more. I wonder if this applies to fantasy too. The more mags in competition the more chance some will fold. I'll vote to retain Astounding and Wonder regardless. Lovecraftiania brings the thought: how much was Lovecraft influenced by the Book of the Dead...Tales of Wonder listing, and sketches of covers, liked...FAN-DANGO has dang fine fanzine on strength of the phrase "Strike First." Weird fiction need not be boring, but the Derleth school of stylization is to me. Bradbury, now--with that lad an idea has more than a repeated plot to fall back on.

YELLUM cover monsters are fen? Poem on taking brain in hand best; I ought to try it sometime. But it might slip between my fingers... BURBLINGS--Best two items are the Adventures in Fanning article and the Burb short-circuit. Without them the mag wouldn't be much...except the cover which is fairly good. MASQUE is really worth-while. Needed. Art is just that, and different media good to see. Art articles informative, and Ack review excellent; he liked the story! One of the best mags.

FAPASNIX talk about ditto materials reminds me that at local surplus store they're selling boxes of ditto-carbon and master sheets (in 1 piece) for \$1.25 a box; they sell regular carbon for the same price, and local book store sells the same item for \$4. Maybe you can get a bargain in a similar store. ...Predominance of other hobbies aren't advisable, but there is a certain overlap of hobbies. Two "speeches"--your wife's and yours--hokay. Dick Armstrong thrilled me--it was so smoo - th...HAROLD W. CHERRY, JR.--Maybe a bit of our civilization will scrape off on a lot of people, like the Gift of the Magpie, after a possible A-War. Earth and its humancids (well, they don't seem very humane at times) are now more densely populated than in Roman times. As a country where large numbers are thought so much of we should consider today's civilization of more importance than Rome's. Especially with the emphasis on specialization; today (or a few tomorrows from now) we may be less able to survive with reasonable comfort than could our ancestors in a world of no-machines....If attack came and camps were set up, a couple in nearby regions might themselves take to arms to protect themselves from each other. The more I think of it the better the Lunar hide-out sounds. For fictional purposes, of course. Personally I'd choose a "lost valley" like the Western movies harp about ever so often. With pumped water, crops, a mill to grind food, get power and the like, a closed valley might be a better bet than any other. Trouble is, if I could find one, so could someone else. And getting there--Just 1 thing. May I suggest a handle suitable for cane or club, with "heads" of shovel, pick and maybe hoe and rake. For the Survival Kit, I mean. A place to go would be best, with stashed tools and food, books and guys who know how to use Intellegently, and make more. . .Stf may be used to get a wide grasp on science. But after a possible blowup, would stf be in the way? Would it lead to false assumptions for future generations? A religion could easily be based on some of the marvelous stories of stf. Of course we could tell the kids they're fiction... PLENUH--Abherrants (garden mispelling) in stfield might be called "fantasy prones." Their offtrail thinking is phencmena.



• Another FAPAGE

OLD AND RARE is nicely stenciled. I hope for the future...MOONSHINE's "Electa" appealed to me more than Len's Fanscient story because it seemed to have more life. But I read about Electa before it was issued, and the repetition might have aided...It seems when I write an "article" it makes me sound like a stuffed shirt. If local night-school had a class in semantics I'd try to attend to help clear up my verbalistic stumblings. However, I liked this ish of Moony better than most of the others...As for entering SIM into FAPA mailing, I doubt it. The magazine is growing now. If any of yez wish to contribute to future issues, send your stuff to my address; articles and feature-stuff is mostly needed, as I have a great deal of fiction.

FANTASY AMATEUR, Lone Injun crud read. First item interesting...FANTASY ANTHOLOGY INDEX "Old Master" article best; the rest is worth-while...HORIZONS biews on RAP may be right. When We Were Very Young appreciated...YERKE MEMOIRS looks good from a preliminary look, but it doesn't deserve the title it sports. The title is katching, tho. As one unacquainted with the time involved it'll be fun to read completely, when time permits.

• End Notes

This is the fourth stencil I typed, and it may be the last for this, the second issue. I have a pic for the cover ready, but I lost the stylus with the ball-point. So there's no place (so far) where I have the name of the fapa mag down...So--this is

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which might be more aptly called One Fapan's Outlook...As usual, I'll appreciate criticism of this issue in fapamailing or by letter. If you send letter, you might have items for SIM handy, too, huh? My address is: Stan Woolston, 12832 S. West St., Garden Grove, California...If I count right, with these pages I'm up to 8 pages; however, I'll try to get stuff in each mailing. My comments this issue are rather all-inclusive (if I didn't mention a mag it was accidental). Future issues may contain a bit of fiction by me called at different times "The Martian Comes" and "Tale of Two Planets." I'm working on an article on early fantasy films, but the data is elusive. Can anyone suggest any source-material that wouldn't cost me a lot of cash? (Period: turn of century; locale, mostly France...) In Santa Ana recently saw copy of--how do you spell it?--Ohasape?--the "new bible" that the Shaver boys dug up. A bit of glancing through it revealed it is a "copy" of the Bible in many respects--"Son of God" and other heavenly (sic) guys say their piece in numbered verses. At the start there was a bit of double-talk that said that a child prodigy of 4 years could compose on the piano, and another child had great mathematical ability though he was an idiot otherwise. Then there was some talk about not questioning how the book was written. That, sir, is the spirit of many California cultists. I wonder if Shaver is an ex-Californian...REWARD, I'm still waiting for Fandom Speaks...I'm in hurry to finish stencil so will quote few notes with my 5-year-old niece, who doesn't let non-understanding prevent her from answering questions...(What about Rick Sneary's letters?) He writes lots of letters and they make sense. (What about Tigrina?) She should change to more mental things. (Aok?) He is a silly person. (Why?) Just because he does funny things. (Excuse?)