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For those of you who don't read colophons,  
my address is 716 S. Borondo St., 90005 (Los Angeles).

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One winter Solstice custom that my parents on  
Amelia Island indulged in this year is that of  
giving away colored light bulbs. The usual method  
is to wire up sockets on a convenient outdoor tree,  
screw in the bulbs, and turn on the power so that  
the whole thing is Lit Up Like A Christmas Tree.  
It is lighted every evening from Solstice to about  
New Year's and usually burns from dusk to about  
midnight. If anyone wants any bulbs he will take  
them when nobody is looking so it won't seem so much like Charity.  
My parents must have been popular because they managed to dispose  
of almost four dozen bulbs in this manner. One recipient got a  
little too enthusiastic and took some sockets and wiring but he  
was an exception. Is this custom common on the Mainland???????

On New Year's Eve water started dripping down from the  
overhead lighting fixture in my bathroom. Is this a SIGN? Did  
the Ceiling somehow inspire the people in the apartment above  
mine to turn on the shower, and then cause my drain to leak in  
an attempt to bring about my conversion? Does this qualify as  
a Miracle? Is there any ~~danger~~ likelihood of my bathroom  
becoming a Ceiling Shrine if I join? Is it a sin to call a plumber?

I didn't mind when the Phone Company gave us all those Area  
Codes because they seemed to be a step toward greater efficiency.  
What I DO mind is their changing some of them without telling me.  
Just before I left for Christmas I had to call somebody long  
distance collect so I gave the operator the whole 10 digits--  
305-261-etc.,etc. After a couple of unsuccessful tries she  
checked up and discovered that the Code had been changed and  
the new number was 904-261-etc.,etc. The person I was calling  
didn't think to notify me of it because it hadn't affected any  
of her local calls. I can see the reason for the change (The  
Area was probably growing too big and they split it into two  
Areas.) but what gripes me is that nobody told me about it. They  
do stuff a little newsletter into my bill almost every month so  
they could easily have mentioned this but I don't think they  
ever did.

CRACKPOT SUGGESTION department.....Here's a dandy idea for those  
who want to run up Huge Issue Numbers in a hurry---an HOURLY  
FANZINE!!! All you have to do is get 168 people (including  
yourself) to act as co-publishers and then round-robin the thing  
so that each co-pubber does one issue per week. After just one  
short year you will be up around Issue # 8760, which is quite a  
respectable number of issues. GOOD LUCK!!!!

FROM THE JACKET OF AN LP ENTITLED "IS IT REALLY ME!": "The title  
for the album is EARTHQUAKE. When you hear the album you will  
know why we used the title. ...."

HANDING OUT IN THE BACK OF THE ROOM comments.....

What with the party, going to Amelie Island for Christmas, etc. I have several partly-read disties kicking around the place so there may be some delayed comments from the last few weeks trickling through future issues of this zine.

=OFFICIAL COLLATOR...How about putting out disty #69 in two volumes, one for the dirtzines and the other for everything else? I think this would answer most of the objections without being "censorship".

\*APTERYX....I have that static electricity problem in my apartment sometimes. However, if I touch things with a coin or key instead of my bare finger I usually don't feel a shock even though I still hear and see the spark. I think the jolt is due more to the spark striking the skin than to an actual electric shock.

\*GRUNION....You mentioned something about the "fennish type" and fens that don't know about fandom. Back in college I had a strong drive to show off my creative abilities. I would frequently write things (usually short and humorous) and either give them to some campus publication or sneak them (anonymously) onto bulletin boards. I would also compose music and play it (without saying where I got it) on any available piano (usually the student union lounge) in hopes of getting egoboo on it. I did get some. I had read a little about fandom in prozines but I didn't suspect that it had so many of My Kind Of People in it. My first reaction to LASFS was something like "here Have You BEEN All My Life???" Perhaps the real reason there are so many FIAVOL's around is that Fandom Is A Type Of Personality and FIATOP + Organized Fandom = FIAVOL. (I consider myself a mild case of FIAVOL.)

\*GOOVN might also be interested in the above paragraph.

\*THE HOUSE OF THE GAMES....I usually think of the publishers of EXTRAPOLATOR and DER HOLLANDER by their zine titles rather than their names but I usually catch myself before I slip that way in conversation. I think those are the only two I do that to.

\*BARAD-DUR...."Life is like a purple antelope on a field of tuna fish!"...MAD #83 (Dec. 63) page 18.

\*DER HOLLANDER....Just out of curiosity, I wonder what % of the people around here DO believe in me.

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There have been cases where people have been reclassified I-A because they went around demonstrating for peace. Does this mean that a person could get a deferment by demonstrating in favor of getting World War III over with NOW?

"Hanukkah can't hold a candle to Christmas"...Rabbi being interviewed on Channel 11 recently.

I read where one maker of power cable is working on the development of a cable with a metallic sodium conductor (The thick high-voltage insulation keeps the air out.).