

RUR 9

David Rike of 2431 Dwight Way, Berkeley 4, California did not put out an issue of RUR last week out of the Kindness of His Heart, so Fanac could catch up to RUR in numbers. Silly, isn't it?

Rich Eney mentions that, "Magnus' draft board has put the finger on him, with a conditional reprieve, till he finishes his education or like that. Hope he makes it, not because it'd damage his psyche but because he thinks it would." Dick also says that the proposed new Fapa Constitution was voted in "by a fat margin."

To all curious fans, especially around the D.C. area: Terry Carr tells me that has finally finished running off and assembling Innuendo #7 and that he has mailed out all copies, so you should be getting them, maybe even before this RUR reaches you. The issue was held up by the fact that there were only ten complete copies, Terry having run out of paper while running off the last few pages.

Nick & Noreen Falasca are of the opinion that, "RUR is becoming even more shocking than Fanac. The things that Brandon and Rike say would be enough to make a Maidenform Bra ad blush.* It reminded us of Incinerations. What will all those christians say? As a matter of fact, what will Len Moffatt say? It should be interesting.

And a note. Professor Parkinson may have done some fine work in the field, it is true, but our early studies are not to be overlooked either! Far be it for us to cry plagiarism, but Honey can verify that our research goes back to 1955, when we first developed the Falasca Equation. "The success of a convention is inversely proportional to the number on the committee." Actually 5 is about right, then the vote (if any) is always 3 to 2.

We'd like to tell Carl how much we like the Pig, the Ostrich and the Rat, but we can't because we're prejudiced. Seriously, we were truly amazed at how Carl, 3000 miles away, hit right at the heart of the issue. This is a feat comparable to Magnus maintaining his weekly schedule.

The last line in the last paragraph of P.O.&R is a beautiful bit of prose."

{*we blush at all of the egoboo }

Ron and Terry have neglected to give public notice to the fact, but once again, Dean A. Grennell has proven that he is indeed a *C*O*C*D* *M*A*N* by donating 50¢ to the Cause (Fanac's mailing expenses), right out of thin air.

Fapans who are eagerly watching their mail boxes for the latest Grue shouldn't hold their breath, since DAG is sending it thru the 83rd mailing, which won't be sent out until the middle of May.

G.M.Carr wonders, "does Dave pay half the postage, or do you carry him as a free - loader out of a gesture of friendship, since you have to pay the whole 2¢ anyway and might as well get all you can out of your cash? (I have a secret reason for my curiosity — but that's another story.)" in a card to Ron&Terry.

I'm just a freeloader, Gem; but since RUR appears to (judging from the incoming letters that I've read) stir some interest amongst the readers, Ron&Terry get something back for their efforts (ie: adding a copy of RUR when they assemble a copy of Fanac). Besides, if I did have chip in, that would mean that I naturally would have a say-so on who gets or who doesn't get RUR and to Ron&Terry, that'd be alot more trouble than whatever monetary contribution I might make would be worth. And, I try to return the favor by, say, running off Fanac for them on my mimeo,

when they want to get an issue out and yet don't have use of the model 77-B A.B. Dick electric that Ron runs off "Sem-Notes" for the publisher on and, in his spare hours, most of the fanzines emanating from 2315 Dwight Way. Or, to be more correct, I let them use my duper since the only running off of Fanac I have done were the first two pages of Fanac #7. Ron&Terry, lazy as they are, don't care for me to run off stuff for them and rather turn the crank themselves since I don't rush-rush off the sheets like they do. (And then again, just last night I ran off 3,500 copies of a leaflet in a couple of hours on my mimeo, but that's another story.)

An aside to "George W. Fields": no, Fanac #7 was not run off on Ron's mimeo, but rather on mine. His is a model 77 A.B. Dick, 77A. Mine is a 78 (while there are sub models A and B in the 78 series, mine is an early one and just plain ol' 78). Technically, I don't think there's much difference in the two save that the 77A's have hand feed, while the 78's have an automatic feed. At least that's all I could discern in difference when I was cleaning up the 77A that's down at the wobbly hall in Oakland and thus had a chance to examine it rather closely. Of course, if the repro of the Fanacs run off on my mimeo seems to be different than the repro of the RURs that go along with them, then it may be that the person turning the crank has something to do with the quality of the duplication.

"With his politics, the toilets are all plugged up."

Larry Stark III writes: "You might mention in your rags that the Young menage had as a guest one David A. English, 7th Fandomite Supreme, who can now be reached at 100 Poplar Street (3rd floor), Boston, Mass. His last official statement on fanac was that he had no expectations of thundering back into its maw "At least, until I work up a good deal more enthusiasm than I now possess." Dave did turn out some hundred pages of drawings while here, though, and there has been wild talk. ((Sandy, Dave's wife, has a semi-legal claim on them, though, and Jean Young a POSSESSION-claim; we'll see.))

"And one of you hydra-headed newsmongers might also mention that I, Lawrence Stark 3rd, am contemplating a review-column, to be conducted in some other magazine or other. I'd like to have a pile of magazines to review, if people would please send whatever they can spare. I warn people that I'll probably review oddly and tempermentally, and I'd prefer to gaze more or less over-deeply at SIGNIFICANT CONTRIBUTIONS to the fanpubbling field; if you think you publish a significant contribution, I'd like to see it.

"R.U.R. and that other rag ((I can't remember it's name)) are significant, of course. They are what several news-zines have ATTEMPTED to be: Topical, regular, and well-written. I'm glad to be able to see copies, and I hope we continue to do so. And may I suggest that it's a good idea sending them out together? They're definitely separate magazines, and they compliment one another beautifully. There seems a little more impersonality in FANAC, mostly because the items are shorter, and usually springboard off letter-quotes. And of COURSE people write Carr-Ellik, and include mention that they like R.U.R. too. So LITTLE of R.U.R. ever concerns itself with READERS that, if people have anything to say that they might want published, NATURALLY they address it to TerryRon. Your contributions to the package are mainly personal essays-observations, and probably very few people think themselves brilliant enough to interest you long enough to have you mention them in your magazine. So, R.U.R. looks like "Rike's Column" in FANAC."

News Note: Ron Ellik, reputed to be the only "real fan" in the Bay Area, has been seen on several occasions to be reading a copy of the May, 1958 aSF in Dave Rike's room. When asked where he got the magazine he said, pointing to the top of a book case, "Oh, I found it here." Have you bought yourself a copy of the May issue, he was asked. "No, why should I when I can come up here and read this copy?" Tho claiming that his landlord bought it, Dave Rike does admit having read the magazine, including the feature serial.

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