

A RED-FACED EO

A RED-FACED EO is an official postmailing to the 16th SFFA Mailing caused by the inefficiency of an OE-elect who should have put up before he talked. It is sort of in the nature of an addendum to THE SOUTHERNER 16.5. Jötun Pub 103.

A funny thing happened to me on the way to the Post Office - like, I forgot I hadn't mailed out Dian's Portfolio and SOUTHERNER 16.5, which for reasons explained in 16.5 were to be mailed separately from the regular mailings.

What happened, to make a short story long, was this: After I decided to mail the Portfolio separately, first class, I didn't collate it into the rest of the mailing but held it, and 16.5, out. (With the exception of mailings for Katz, Cox, Dian, and myself, which I'd be giving out directly without the intervention of the P.O.) Then I went down to the PO and mailed out the regular mailings, buying a roll of 5¢ stamps so I could mail out the others later that evening.

Then things began to pile up - we had to go pick out some proofs of a picture of Roy; Katya had to go to work that afternoon and I had promised Fred Patten to stencil some artwork that afternoon for him for THE BEST FROM APA-L; and what with one thing and another I didn't get them addressed and mailed that afternoon. The next day was Sunday, and we went to church, made our regular Sunday trip to Pomona to see Roy, and went to the Trimbles' for Sunday dinner, getting home about midnight.

By this time I had forgotten I hadn't mailed the things, and so they've been sitting in a forlorn little pile back in a corner of the farden ever since - with Katya working regularly, I've been so busy with mundac and the business of getting the LASFS off my shoulders (my term as Director expired Thursday) that I haven't done any publishing or anything else that would take me back into the den. So today I get postcards from Joe and Lon wanting to know where the Portfolio is, and in the next few days I'll probably get nine more with the same request (only 11 mailings were mailed - three were held for personal delivery, and three - McDaniel, Harkness, and Hollingworth - were held until the first two decide whether or not they want to remain in SFFA and Lamar decides whether or not he'll pay his dues.). Well, here they are, a bit late, but they weren't lost or inadvertently left out. Since both Joe and Lon report their mailings were inspected (and the educational matter rate disallowed - although the PO where I mailed them didn't object, someone along the line must have), I feel that my caution was justified - I know I wouldn't care to have had the Portfolio inspected.

Once again, apologies for neglect to mail the Portfolio any sooner. But you should be getting these any time now. Also note that I'm just now mailing the Wlors and invitees their SOUTHERNERS, so that their month in which to respond is extended to a month from today, June 28, rather than a month from June 15. The extra SOUTHERNERS got into that left-over stack too...

Hope to see you all in the 17th, which already has a number of goodies promised - Dian should have the compilation of her Annals of Shalor from SAPS, if all goes well, and I'll have an index to the first four years of SFFA, as complete as I can make it. And Joe and Lon will have another installment of SFFA Comics, or I'll drop both of them for quasi-feasance...

