

# TAKE-OVER

JÖTUN PUB 76 Or, Joe Staton is Shot Down STATION ILLO

A few days ago I got a letter from Joe Staton. To quote in part:

For the first two mailings I handled for SFFPA, the Postmaster here in town looked over them and let me send them out at the Book Rate, which saves the club a lot of money over third class. However, today when I went in to send the 15th mailing, a little bastard named Marcus Hale who is assistant postmaster or something waited on me. He had a fit when I tried to send the mailings at the Book Rate. "Well," I said, "how about Third Class; they are printed matter." "Can't do it," he said, "they weigh too much." So I had to send them out as regular 4th Class Mail, which ran to \$10.86. Fortunately, I had sold enough mailings to take care of it this time, but many more times and the club would be broke. He made it very clear I'd have to do that from now on.

As a result, Joe decided that it would be financially better for the SFFPA if he appointed an Emergency Officer who could handle the 16th Mailing from some point where he could get the Educational Matter rate. Since I had already indicated, by filing for OE, willingness to take on the work involved, and since I live in a large city where I'm sure of being able to find some branch P.O. or other that will accept SFFPA bundles as Educational Matter (actually the Canoga Park P.O, where I do most of my heavy-duty mailing, has never objected to my bundles of zines going at E.M. rates - but then I'm never obtrusive; a Jet-Pak marked "Educational Matter" and well-stuffed with fanzines looks very much like a large book.), he chose me as the one. So--all SFFPA members please note: send 25 copies of your SFFPac to me, Dave Hulan, at 19018 Bryant St., Northridge, California, 91325, to arrive on or before 10 June 1965. I might point out, while I'm at it, that Hank Luttrell, David Mitchell, and Dian Pelz all owe dues before next mailing. Send money to Al, who is still Treasurer - I am taking over, as Emergency Officer, the handling of the 16th Mailing only; send your Egoboo Poll and OElection ballots to Joe, money to Al, new applicants apply to Joe, etc., just as if he were OE, because he is. I'm just filling in on the one function for the benefit of the club's treasury; that's all.

I might as well add a small campaign plug here (note: I am paying for this flyer myself - I'm not campaigning on apa funds, which are tight). I hope that as many of you as can see your way clear to vote for me for OE will do so. I will say one thing - I will not keep in deadwood as long as there is a waitlist, especially when the waitlisters are as good as Lon and Al seem to be from the looks of Clarges. As long as SFFPA had vacancies in the roster it was OK to be lenient, but I think that now it would behoove the OE - whether Larry or me - to enforce the rules on activity more rigidly. I will discuss this further in the 0-0 next time, but I thought you should know my sentiments. I also hope you'll remember I'm a Southerner born and bred - I've lived more years in the South than Larry has, for what that's worth...

