

This is SHEILA THARI #4, Operation Crifanac CCLXXX (sorry Ethel), which is directed to each and all of you from 6500 Fort Hunt Rd., Alexandria 22307, Va., which is just the same as 417 only different, if you take my meaning. Read on, otherwise, because if I remember to I'll stick someplace in here an account of how to get your name in the COA column without any effort to speak of. As for the present

It's Eney's Fault

ENEY EMBARRASSED
Dreadful Blunders in Reportage
"Fantastic Fecklessness" — the Editor
IDENTITY OF THE VICTIMS DISCLOSED

1. The Case of the Apologetic NYFan: On page 177 of the recently-published DisCon Proceedings (Advent, 1965) you'll find a statement attributed to Sam Moskowitz. Actually, only part of it was by Moskowitz, and I can't, now, even tell which part though I've played that blasted tape three times looking for the junction. The actual speaker, witnesses tell me, was Will Sykora. Confusing the two is bad enough, but the mis-attribution of the substance of the statement is a ghastly blunder indeed, for what Will had to say was that the exclusion of the Futurians from the NYCon I was a mistake and he was sorry for it.

This error was caught by four people -- so far -- of whom George Scithers and Jay Kay Klein were the first to correct my mistake. I haven't heard from Sam yet. I hope it's not because he's too angry to speak...

At any rate, please get out your copy of the DisCon Proceedings and make the correction in pen-and-ink, as nearly instantaneously as is convenient. I'm awfully sorry, Sam, for an inaccuracy which must be particularly annoying to you.

2. The Case of the Exhorter who Wasn't: In last year's Fan Poll Report, IN PART SCAL'D, I ticked off one Mike McInerney, a New York fan, for having urged people to bollix the Poll by voting en bloc for Walter Breen as Number One Fan Face. Later checking shows me that what he said did not in fact amount to a general appeal to cast biased votes. I apologize for my wrong accusations, Mike, and regret publishing the misinterpretation of your remarks. McInerney has given a rather indignant summary of his side of the incident, which I reprint on the verso of this page for readers' reference; note it or refresh your memory, the rest of you, and I'll wait till you get back...

Actually, McInerney published the flyer which I reprint here in January or February; but it wasn't till last month that an oblique reference by Bill Donaho brought it to my attention. When I rummaged around in the storage boxes to check my original source, I found what had happened.

He'd -- earlier -- produced a screed along the Breenie Brigade's early "it's-all-Donaho's-vile-imagination" lines, and I'd written him a note warning that his sources were doing some tall lying & large quantities of skepticism all around were in order. My memory of his reply had been that he'd taken the Fanoclasts' Fifth (#Of course Eney is feuding with Ted White!) and ended his comments with the wish (continued on second page following)

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I hadn't intended to make any comment on the FAN POLL this year, since I do not like feuds, and since I knew that Richard Eney's lies were just that, lies. But obviously some of the more easily convincable /sic/ members of the Boonie Brigade will swallow anything, since I keep seeing references to, me as one of the worst of Walters defenders. Since in fandom, silence is the same thing as admission of guilt, I can no longer be silent.

I'm going to try to keep this very short. One of the things that has bugged me the most about the Donaho people has been their tendency to drag feuds and biased opinions into the few "official" publications fandom has. I am referring to the Convention Reports, and the Fan Poll. Richard Eney has been the worst offender of the lot. In the Fan Poll he says,

"Despite the unsubtle hints from some people that the Poll is sure to be rigged, only one detectable effort to load things was made. One of the New Yorkers who is in the current ~~feud~~ war, among Walter's friends-who-needs-enemies -- focsh, no point protecting the clown's feelings by an oblique reference; Mike McInerney is the guilty party -- published a plea for his readers to write instantly to the Fan Poll and vote for Breen under the Number One Fan Face Category. In the next five days I got votes amounting to 19 votes for Breen in ballots from New York...and considering what the result was (take another look at 7th place) /where Breen and Donaho had tied, 26 points each -- RE/ I think we had better consider this a case in which Walter has first rights on any Sinister Deeds of Vengeance that are called for.

"/Considering the state of feelings about Walter, it's only fair to make a point of the fact that he had nothing at all to do with this; it was, presumably, McInerney's own...uh...thinking that concocted the Great Ballot Stuffing Plot. Walter has ere this called McInerney and Evers down for their more hydrophobic antics; pity that they apparently thought he was kidding." R. Eney in Fan Poll 1

This quote is complete and unchanged. /Correct with unimportant errors noted*./

All I have to say, Dick Eney, is, that you are a liar of the lowest order. Not only have I never urged people to stuff ballots, but I have never made a single mention of the fan poll in any zine published in the last two years. I defy you to name the sine in which I "published a plea for his readers to write instantly to the fan poll and vote for Breen..." You can't, because I never did.

Not only have I never asked my readers to vote for Breen (or any other fan) but I did not vote myself in this Fan Poll which you claim I was so evilly trying to stuff the ballots on!

You call attention to the tie between Breen and Donaho in 7th place for Number One Fan Face. Im agree with you that there is something odd about those figures. Considering your disregard for accuracy shown in the above two paragraphs, it is difficult to know just what totals in the Poll are correct, and which came out of your evil, warped mind. I certainly hope you never again have anything to do with anything involving "official" matters in fandom.

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That ends McInerney's flyer. *Errors, none important, are: "Poll" for "Fan Poll" in the first sentence of the quote; in the second, omission of comma from "...who is, in the current ~~feud~~ war, among..." and of course hydrophobic is "hydrophobic". Breen's reproof was occasioned by the McInerney/Evers STAR FINK.