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IT'S BEEN SAID BEFORE, but I expect I'll say it again...and again: The quarterly APA is going down the drain. If asked for reasons for this, I can only suggest my own: I can't live at a snail's-pace of communication when there are more rapid paces available. The idea of taking three to six months between action and reaction (sponse and response?) is stifling, when the weekly APA can cut it down to a 7-14 day interim. And what with the LASFS being on the 2-Party System these days -- one on Friday or Saturday, one on Saturday or Sunday -- there is even faster communication through IPR's (Inter-Personal Relationships).

So why stay in SAPS or FAPA? Len Bailes was asking that today, when I told him it was down to the nitty-gritty of Tonight-or-Never for membership-saving. And I don't really have an answer. Inertia, I guess. Maybe Collectors' Mania for not wanting to take a chance on missing receiving a mailing. And, of course, there are people in the quarterly APAs one doesn't interact with anywhere else -- not even conventions.

Enough of that diatribe. If I manage five pages of natterings and MCs, I'll put on the Harness cover I've got, and have a membership-saver. Otherwise, I'll get out.

I won't even go into a lengthy discussion of what I'm writing elsewhere. (Not much, actually -- a parody of Threepenny Opera, a parody of "The Old Woman and the Pig," and a Heicon Report -- all of them continued from week to week.) Instead, right into the Mailing Comments:

Cabal Ladder

SPECTATOR 92 (Doreen Webbert, OE): Why doesn't Buz owe two pages? And if Al Snider is dropped, why is he still on the roster? Or have you got him confused with Mike Raub, who should be on the roster, but isn't? T*S*K...

Of those on the Roster-as-is, I've met all but four of the members+WLers: Carlberg, Edmonds, Foyster, and Straw. Of the roster-as-should-be, I'm also missing Raub from SAPS I Have Met. 20 out of 25, for 80 percent. Not too bad, I guess.

THE PIRSI 7 (Burnett Toskey) If Wally and I meet at a con, I will still badger him about his TAFF Report+. Otherwise, I will simply give up on the idea that such a thing may be written. I consider it too bad, but that's the way things go.

I think part of the problem with TAFF Reports is that there is no clearly-defined set of responsibilities and ideas connected with TAFF -- as opposed to sets of operating rules, which are clearly-defined. It is a matter of argument whether TAFF Candidate Material should be drawn from the ranks of those fans who have earned an Honor from Fandom, or from those who would make the best representatives of their national (etc.) fandoms to overseas fandom, or from those whom the overseas fans indicate they would most like to meet. I tend to vote for the second category, figuring that to send over someone who would not mix well with overseas fans in general -- and with many segments of overseas fandom that would turn up at the convention to which the TAFFman is sent -- would be disastrous. With these three possibilities (at least), there are many opportunities for whole areas of fandom to be disappointed by the results of a TAFF race, even

when the majority voted for the winner -- and even when everyone who meets the winner admits he makes a good candidate. Secondly, there is the question of the Report. Many people vote for TAFF because they want to see the overseas convention through the eyes of the TAFFman. Yet there is no defined responsibility to write such a report. I discovered, on my Heicon trip, that Tom Schlück isn't writing one, either -- he has been advertising TAFF through his slide show and taped commentary that he takes to various and sundry conventions, and can't see why anyone would actually care about a written and published Report. (We tried to talk him into transcribing the taped commentary and using that as a Report, but I'm not sure we got anywhere with the idea.) In any case, under the present set-up, getting a TAFF Report is quite uncertain, and I guess I shall have to stop expecting one from all TAFF winners.

Somehow, I'm mildly appalled to have you admit to never having heard of either Larry Niven or Keith Laumer. I assume you don't read SF magazines this side of 1960.

Mythopoeic Society is indeed full of girls. Most of them, however, are jailbait. If this fact deters you, you probably won't find the Mythos a worthwhile hunting ground. There are some exceptions -- notably, I believe, the Long Beach Chapter, which tends to take things far less seriously than other Chapters that are overladen with teenybopper-types.

LA fans will play damn near any game for money. The latest is Bridge, and the many-year run of poker seems to have ended abruptly. Those who don't play Bridge -- or those who won't (like me) wind up playing something like Oh Hell instead. I doubt if you'd find LASFS Poker boring, though -- there are enough permutations to the hands that it takes several months to learn all of them thoroughly, and then the people change enough, and new games are invented, so there is almost always something new.

Y'know, ~~Y'know~~ -- sorry, Burnett -- I get the impression that those who've been in SAPS since I got in -- or almost, call it the last ten years, anyway -- haven't really changed. I don't know if that's good or bad, but I think it's true. Some have got married; some have got older and tired. Other than that, stasis. And I wonder if I seem the same as when I got in back in 1958? If so, I think I'll quit and do something about the problem. I seriously doubt there is such a thing as a good stasis.

GRUNTFUTTOCK 1.2 (John Foyster) I want to thank you again for the phone call and the idea behind it -- 'twas thoughty of you. Maybe within the next few years we can meet better than just electronically!

While I'm here I might as well comment on the Worldcon situation with regard to the next couple bids for non-North American cons. As most everyone knows by now (those who actually care, anyway), the Worldcons are back on a three-year rotation plan as a result of the Heicon bidding session and business meeting. The three zones are the old three of North America. A non-NA bid may be entered at any time, however, even if there was a successful non-NA bid the previous year. (This is a change from the original 3-year rotation, which provided that non-NA bids could not be consecutive.) At this time there are only two non-NA bidders in view: Australia for 1975 (to be bidding in 1973, somewhere in the Central Region), and Stockholm in 1976 (to be bidding in 1974, on the East Coast.)

Each of these bids must convince a North American Worldcon business meeting that it should have the Worldcon. Each has advantages and disadvantages. Australia's advantages include the fact that they bid first. It will have been five years between overseas worldcons. They will be bidding against West Coast groups, and one of the probably opponents, Confusion, bidding for Los Angeles, is willing to support Australia and withdraw from the Worldcon bidding in favor of holding a North American Con over the Labor Day weekend. (It has been suggested that Australia will therefore bid to hold the Worldcon in late August, so that U.S. fans may hit both cons on one trip.) Disadvantages include the expense of getting to Australia from anywhere else, and the feeling now current that the Australia Committee is more than slightly nebulous and may not last even

long enough to put in their bid in 1973. The length of time between decision-to-bid (now) and placement-of-bid (1973) can be both useful and detrimental -- three years to get organized, or three years to have the whole thing collapse.

Stockholm's advantage is that more people can go from the States, and they will have more popular support from people wanting an excuse for a European vacation. (The expense of planning an Asian vacation as part of a trip to Australia is much higher, even relatively speaking.) In addition, they have their city picked, and an actual bidding committee instead of an investigatory committee. They have already built a fair amount of personal support for their bid. ~~Besides, they speak ENGLISH, and/~~ If Australia wins 1975, though, Stockholm will have a much harder time getting the 1976 Worldcon, from a reluctance to let the thing go two years in succession. (If Australia loses, Stockholm should have a walkaway.)

I intend to support both bids, and try to talk the bidders for NA cons in 1976 (Central region; no bidders yet announced.) to go for a NA con instead of the Worldcon. (I'll try to convince San Francisco to do the same for 1975, but I doubt they'll listen to me.) I doubt, however, that I'll be able to go to Australia, unless I get a sudden windfall and can take a cruise there.

In any case, John -- Good Luck!

THE BEM & I 2 (Bill Mallardi) Thanks for the Bloch article. As usual, he makes a great deal of sense. I think it might well be reprinted in a con progress report or program booklet. (Fred Patten: what about the idea?) [Fred is Publications Director for the LA Con.] We've already had one letter complaining about the high membership fees... .

NIFLHEIM 32 (Dave Hulan) In spite of your warning -- and others from other members of the Westercon 23 committee -- ConFusion is considering bidding for the 1974 Westercon and holding it at the Francisco Torres, and doing the room-arranging ourselves, too. There has to be a way to beat the racket... .

WHORL 2 (Dave Locke) I'm agreeable to stringing up the clown who invented neckties. Since turtlenecks came in I haven't worn one of the chokers to work at all. And that's been several years. UCLA may not pay too well, but at least I don't have to do the coat-and-tie bit.

The West Coast has been slow starting in getting more regional cons, but by now it is well on the way. SFCon 70 paved the way for a winter regional, so there will be a con over President's Day -- the new National Holiday starting in 1971 making a 3-day weekend out of whichever weekend includes the third Monday in February -- in Los Angeles every other year when the Westercon is in the Northern area. Lee and Barry Gold put on the first Symposium -- a very low-pressure, almost programless relaxicon -- in Long Beach in September, and will probably be continuing them annually (probably moving the date to Memorial Day weekend). Those, plus Westercons, Worldcons every once in a while, and some almost-SF conventions like the Bouchercon (which is a SF con with a Mystery-oriented program), should be enough to keep the con fans occupied.

I agree with you completely about such nutty things as astrology, graphoanalysis, and such -- fun as parlor games, of course, but not for actual belief. Tarot, on the other hand... . (hi)

FROM SUNDAY TO SATURDAY (Don Fitch) A very enjoyable resumé of the Westercon. Thanks. I am more than ever convinced 1974 Westercon should be at the Torres.

DOREEN: I give up. Through the whole mailing, and only three pages of MCs. And in over four hours, too. What I'm supposed to fill the other two pages with, I have no idea. I am not going to fake it for two more pages. I've been typing at work, since my typers are in need of repair: at this point -- 2121-10121970 -- I'm going home.....

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670. Everything #5	1968 Nov.	1; 1; m; s	SFPA 30
671. Angmar 28	Dec. 2	1; 1; m; s	Cult 223. 120268
672. Nyet Vremia 192	Dec. 5	1; 1; m; s	L 186
673. Po She Lo #1	1969 Jan.	4; 0; m; s	KA 51
(674.) Angmar 29	Jan. 8	2; 0; m; s	Cult 225. 10869
675. Speleobem 41	Jan.	4; 0; m; s	SAPS 86
676. Nyet Vremia 193	Feb. 6	1; 1; m; s	L 195
(677.) Nyet Vremia 194	Feb. 13	1; 1; m; s	L 196
678. Everything #6	Feb.	5; 1; m; s	SFPA 31
679. Nyet Vremia 195	Feb. 20	1; 1; m; s	L 197
680. Angmar 30	Mar. 17	16; 6; m; x; s	Cult 229
681. Po She Lo #2	Apr.	9; 1; m; o; s	KA 54
682. Nyet Vremia No. 196	Apr. 3	3; 1; m; s	L 203
683. Speleobem 42	Apr.	6; 2; m; s	SAPS 87
684. Ankus 22	May	8; 0; m; s	FAPA 127
685. Nyet Vremia No. 197	May 15	1; 1; m; s	L 209
686. The Southerner #32	May	2; 0; m; s	SFPA 32
687. Everything 7	May	7; 1; m; o; s	SFPA 32
688. De Profundis 30	June 1	2; 0; m; s	
689. Nyet Vremia 198	June 5	2; 0; m; o; s	L 212
(690.) Nyet Vremia 199	June 12	1; 1; m; s	(L 213)
691. Nyet Vremia 200	June 19	1; 1; m; s	L 214
692. De Profundis 31	July 13	2; 0; m; s	
693. Nyet Chepukha No. 1	July 24	2; 0; m; s	
694. Nyet Chepukha No. 2	July 31	2; 0; m; s	
695. Nyet Chepukha 3	Aug 7	5; 1; m; d; s	
696. Nyet Chepukha No. 4	Aug. 14	2; 0; m; s	
697. Nyet Chepukha No. 5	Aug. 21	2; 0; m; s	
698. Po She Lo #3	Aug. 20	9; 1; m; o; s	KA 59
699. Nyet Vremia No. 201	Aug. 28	2; 0; m; s	L 224
700. Filksong Manual part 4	Aug.	24; 0; o; s	
701. Nyet Vremia 202	Sept. 4	2; 0; m; s	L225
702. De Profundis 32	Sept. 7	4; 0; m; s	
703. Nyet Vremia No. 203	Sept. 11	1; 1; m; s	L 226
704. Nyet Vremia No. 204	Sept. 18	2; 0; m; s	L 227
705. Nyet Vremia 205	Sept. 25	2; 0; m; s	L 228
706. Nyet Vremia No. 206	Oct. 2	3; 1; m; s	L 229
707. Nyet Vremia No. 207	Oct. 9	4; 0; m; s	L 230
708. Speleobem 43	Oct.	6; 0; m; s	SAPS 89
709. Nyet Vremia 208	Oct. 16	4; 0; m; s	L 231
710. De Profundis 33	Oct. 20	4; 0; m; s	
711. Library Newsletter/UCLA Number 132	Oct. 23	6; 0; m; o; s	
712. Nyet Vremia No. 209	Oct. 23	3; 1; m; s	L 232
713. Nyet Vremia 210	Oct. 30	2; 0; m; s	L 233
714. Library Newsletter/UCLA Number 133	Nov. 6	5; 1; m; o; s	
715. Nyet Vremia No. 211	Nov. 6	4; 0; m; s	L 234
716. Nyet Vremia No. 212	Nov. 13	3; 1; m; s	L 235
717. Nyet Vremia No. 213	Nov. 20	5; 1; m; s	L 236
718. Nyet Vremia No. 214	Nov. 27	4; 0; m; s	L 237
719. Library Newsletter/UCLA Number 135	Dec. 4	6; 0; m; o; s	
719. Nyet Vremia No. 215	Dec. 4	2; 0; m; o; s	L 238
721. Po She Lo #4	Dec. 1	5; 1; m; o; s	(KA 62)
721. Nyet Vremia No. 216	Dec. 11	3; 1; m; s	L 239
722. De Profundis 34	Dec. 13	3; 1; m; o; s	
723. Angmar 31	Dec. 15	12; 0; m; s	
		1; 1; m; 8/2x7	Cult 242

724. Nyet Vremia No. 217	1969 Dec. 18	1;1;m;s	L 240
725. Nyet Vremia No. 218	Dec. 25	1;1;m;s	(L 241) "240"
726. Valday No. 24	Dec. 26	1;1;m;s	ValAPA 100
727. Nyet Vremia No. 218½	Dec. 27	2;0;m;s	"L 24 1/2"
728. Nyet Vremia No. 219	1970 Jan. 1	1;1;m;s	L 242
729. Nyet Vremia No. 218 3/4	1969 Dec. 31	1;0;m;s	"L 241 3/4"
730. Aus Tiefe 1	Dec. 30	1;0;m;s	
731. Nyet Vremia No. 220	1970 Jan. 8	6;0;m;s	L 243
732. Nyet Vremia No. 221	Jan. 15	3;1;m;s	L 244
733. Ankus 23	Feb.	8;0;m;s	(FAPA 130) "230"
734. Nyet Vremia No. 222	Jan. 22	4;0;m;s	L 245
735. Nyet Chepukha No. 6	Jan. 24	1;1;m;s	
736. Nyet Vremia No. 223	Jan. 29	2;0;m;s	L 246
737. De Profundis 35	Feb. 1	7;1;m;s	
738. Nyet Vremia No. 224	Feb. 5	2;0;m;s	L 247
739. Nyet Vremia No. 225	Feb. 12	2;0;m;s	L 248
740. Angmar 32	Feb. 15	1;1;m;s	Cult 244.nein
741. Nyet Vremia 226	Feb. 19	2;0;m;s	L 249
742. Valday No. 25	Feb. 20	1;1;m;s	(ValAPA 104)
743. Nyet Vremia No. 227	Feb. 26	3;1;m;s	L 250
744. Po She Lo #5	Mar.	4;0;m,o;s	KA 65
745. Nyet Vremia No. 228	Mar. 5	2;0;m;s	L 251
746. Nyet Vremia No. 229	Mar. 12	2;0;m;s	L 252
747. Nyet Vremia 232	Apr. 2	2;0;m;s	L 255
748. Nyet Vremia 233	Apr. 9	2;0;m;s	L 256
749. Nyet Vremia 230	Mar. 19	2;0;m;s	L 253
750. Speleobem 44	Mar.	9;1;m;s	SAPS 91
751. Nyet Vremia No. 231	Mar. 26	2;0;m;s	L 254
752. Nyet Vremia 234	Apr. 16	2;0;m;s	L 257
753. Nyet Vremia No. 235	Apr. 23	1;1;m;s	L 258
754. Nyet Vremia No. 236	Apr. 30	1;1;m;s	L 259
(755.) De Profundis 36	Apr. 25	5;1;m;s	
756. Nyet Vremia No. 237	May 7	2;0;m;s	L 260
757. Angmar 33	May 10	1;1;m;s	Cult 248.nein
758. Nyet Vremia No. 238	May 14	2;0;m;s	L 261
759. Nyet Vremia No. 239	May 21	3;1;m;s	L 262
760. Nyet Vremia No. 240	May 28	4;0;m;s	L 263
761. Nyet Vremia No. 241 [Incl: A Fanzine for Drew Sanders, by Heats, Inc]	June 4	3;1;m;s	L 264
762. Nyet Vremia No. 242	June 11	6;0;m;s	L 265
763. Nyet Vremia No. 243	June 18	1;1;m;s	L 266
764. Nyet Vremia 244	June 25	1;1;m;s	L 267
765. Angmar 34	June 20	1;1;m;s	Cult 250.nein
766. Nyet Vremia No. 245	July 2	2;0;m;s	L 268
767. Nyet Vremia No. 246	July 9	1;1;m;s	L 269
768. Po She Lo 6	July	4;0;m;s	KA 69
(769.) Nyet Vremia No. 247 (Mis# 'd 469)	July 16	2;0;m;s	L 270
770. Nyet Vremia 248	July 23	1;1;m;s	L 271
771. Nyet Vremia No. 251	Aug. 13	1;1;m;s	(L 274) "174"
772. Library Newsletter/UCLA Number 151	July 30	7;1;m,o;s	
773. Nyet Vremia No. 249	July 30	3;1;m;s	L 272
774. Nyet Vremia No. 250	Aug. 6	1;1;m;s	L 273
775. Nyet Vremia 252	Sept 3	1;1;m;s	L 277
776. Library Newsletter/UCLA Number 154	Sept 10	4;0;m,o;s	
777. Nyet Vremia 253	Sept 10	2;0;m;s	L 278
778. Nyet Vremia No. 254	Sept. 17	2;0;m;s	L 279