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Dear Racy,

Thank for the copy of Posie...and after reading it I've decided to take you up on your offer to print any and all letters....whether they contain feuds, gripes, praise, etc. To wit:

I suffered indigestion after reading Mr. Calkins' letter. So, this letter is the result...there are certain things this boy has said that have roused my anger. First: What makes you (Calkins) think all we N3F'er want an OO filled with the insane ramblings of certain BNF's??? WHY should we be fed a steady diet of the trash most of these people turn out? If we wanted to smother ourselves with the drivel that drips from these said BNF's pens, all we would have to do is obtain a copy (ies) of your zine and a dozen more just like it that cater to this special group. Frankly, I, for one, am bored with seeing their stuff gazing me in the face every blessed time I open a zine. It is high time we are given the chance to see new writers show their abilities. Another thing: WHAT is so wonderful about the "writings" of Ellsberry? I have read numerous articles that he has written. I find nothing so absolutely wonderful about the caustic way he insults anything and anybody. Hoffman has yet to turn out a "funny" satire...and believe me, I've read a lot of the stuff she's had printed. Tsk...maybe I just haven't been brought up right.

What's so utterly wrong with TNFF printing "club mish-mosh"??? It is a club zine, you know. I find those articles written by the important big-wigs interesting...why shouldn't the zine carry such articles since they are about the club and members, etc??? This is not a general fanzine, Mr. Calkins, therefore it would be most stupid if the N3F were to ignore the writings of activities, etc., which are of interest to the members as a whole.

I disagree with you on the TLMA subject also. You may think TLMA is worth the dollar, but I do not. I joined that club in March. I received the March issue of TLMA. I waited until July for another issue. None came, so I asked for my money back. I have never seen a copy of the Corpucle, nor do I know one thing about the entire club, except they print a small zine with good art work and good covers. No zine is worth a dollar in my opinion.

I get the impression that you think Mr. Higgs is not a good editor. Perhaps you think he has not the editorial abilities you seem to think you (and certain little tin gods of yours) have. Bah! I'm dam glad you aren't the OE, Mr. Calkins. I'm also equally glad you are not the president of N3F. Bi-weekly reports! Special committees, and sub committees yet! When the club becomes a stumbling bewildered mass of sub committees, it will be time for all sane members to quietly creep away. My, the boy thinks the functioning of the US is quite simple! Bravo for you! I'm sure all the numerous political "heads" will be most happy to know this!

Dear me...the WC'ers have to buy their own stamps! What a shame! Post cards cost so much these days! Mr. Siegel must have sent his Welcomes air-mail special delivery! Tsk, and here I've been sending post cards, and when I feel in a generous mood I even send letters...with a whole three cent stamp on them! Boys, the stock market crash has nothing on me! I fear me I shall end up in the poor house yet! I do indeed fear me. And I was so young too. Ah, yes... tis the sad fate of all WC'ers.

Guns, Mr. Calkins??????

Sayo-nara, (from one who is about to have a multitude of angry and most damming letters dumped upon her head from certain worshipers):

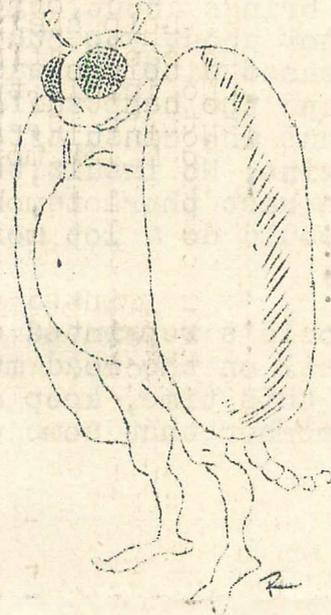
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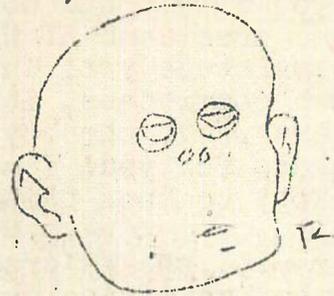
50 Plaza Street
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Dear Racy,

Just received the July POSIE and was a little irked by the letter by Gregg Calkins there. It seems that it is quite the rage now-a-days to insult N3F; some BNF's call it a nest for neo-fan's; members son't pay their dues and then complain that they're not getting the benefits that most of them neven even paid for. Gregg seems to think its outrageous that if you join an organization you are expected to help with its upkeep. I'm quite a new member, but I've already gotten all the 'benefits' I've asked for in my correspondence, which has been swelling ever since I joined. Its always nice to get somethin' for nothing, but it doesn't always work out that way. N3F is a large club, (my membership card says how large, but I'm too lazy to find it now) and can't be expected to be overwhelmingly exact in its bebenefits, fanzines, etc. And I think that if he'd look over things a little more closely, he'd find that those "big-wigs that are fouling up the mess" are actually those who do more for NFFF than you/me, or most anyone I know. Its easy for us to complain; we don't have the job of keeping



the whole kit-and-kaboodle together. As for citing the U.S. government as a base for operations, and calling it "extremely simple", this is a little beyond me. Our government, great as it is, is one of the most complicated on Earth, ranking next only to France. We're broken down into thousands of small bodies, bodies, I'm afraid, that of late are becoming a little weighted down with all the graft and inefficiency such a tremendous form of government of necessity brings about. All in all, 'tho I don't know about you other fans, I'm pretty pleased with the way NFFF is working, and the help she's giving us average fans who can't afford the sometimes dubious luxury of publishing a fanzine. No insult to Gregg; he's a great guy and his fan-mag one of the best there is, but it's very simple to criticize, and I think it would do a lot more good if we'd try to offer a little help ourselves.



Ed Noble's reprinted editorial was mighty good, and hit the proverbial nail on the head much better than I could ever do. Well, that's about all this time, keep up the good work---and if the goin' gets tough, remember that some of us are still behind ya!

Yours,
Bob McNamara

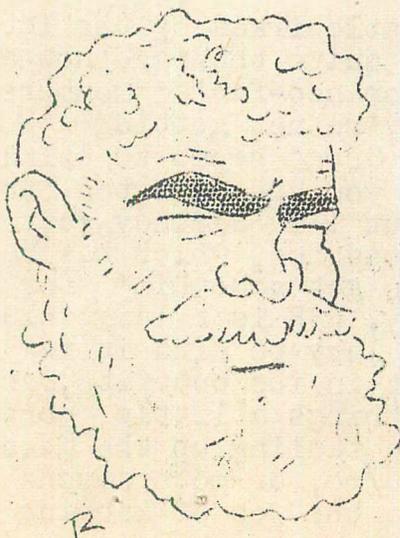
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1514 Poston Circle
Gastonia, N. C.

Members of NFFF:

THE NFFF MANUSCRIPT BUREAU WOULD HAVE HAD A REPORT TO THE MEMBERS IN THIS ISSUE OF POSTWARP-IF:

Any material had been forwarded by the former chairman.
... YOU had sent some material!



YOU had sent your magazine or a request for material!
As new chairman of the NFFF bureau, I want to see the Ms. Bureau a tremendous success. But I will need:
1. Manuscripts and art-work.
2. Someplace to send them.
SO: If YOU write or draw, send the bureau some material, now!
If YOU publish a magazine, send us a sample copy so we may file it and send you any material that comes in that you can use.
If YOU are planning a new magazine, send us your requirements. We'll do everything possible to make sure that you get just what you need. I will see that all requests receive intelligent answers.

I will see that all manuscripts and art work receive placement.
Send all material to: - NFFF Ms. Bureau, % Wilkie Conner - address
at top of letter.

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410 Kensington Rd.
Baltimore 29, Md.

Dear Racy -

This yer is to talk about everything in general and nothing in particular about the June ish of TNFF. First off, I wanna straighten out one thing that Nangee put in her "Hither and Yon".

At the time she wrote that column, the name of our fanclub was still FMFA - the Federated Metropolitan Fanclubs of America. Now, after due consideration and brain-racking, Bill Venable and I decided that that name was too long and hard to handle, and also too exclusive. So the official name for it now is FWF - Federated World Fanclubs.



One thing more about that - Orv Mosher and his PROJECT FANCLUB is backing FWF to the hilt. Orv's experience and general fanclub info is greater than that of any other fan in the field of fanclub research. So for that, we entertain fond hopes that we can really go places. A sub-convention will be held at the Chicon, to get things rolling.

As to her question about whether or not there's to be a PIT to FAN-VARIETY'S PENDULUM, Bill will have to answer that. As I understand it, he has hopes of putting PIT out, but as of now they are just hopes.

Those fellas did some good guessing as to the identity of Nangee in her column.

Since I can't think of any more snide remarks to make, I'll stop bothering you. Til next ish.

Glom,
Dick Clarkson

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332 E. Date St.
Oxnard, California



Dear Ray:

As a new member of the N3F I am more than a little disappointed. I understand this is our letterzine, so I guess it will be a good place to say how I feel.

Any combination that involves a number of people must have organization. That organization is the measure by which the success of that group is decided. If it is a stf club that is organized, the lack of enthusiasm, interest, and activity of the members is a red flag which denotes the effectiveness of the organization of that club.

The N3F lacks enthusiasm, interest, and activity on the part of the majority of the members, it seems. That can only mean a lack of efficient organization and imagination on the part of the organizers--or officers--of the club.

The N3F, if it is to survive for a very long period of time, needs more interest from its members. And it's not the members' fault that this organization fails to get their interest. It is not their fault, and all the officers do is call them 1001 different names because they refuse to do the things the officers have planned for them to do, and because they refuse to co-operate with people who have never dreamed of co-operating with them 50-50.

I am not surprised, after observing the club, that the officers fail to gain the members' interest. They don't know how to do it. N3F could be, and deserves to be, an organization unrivaled in pride and accomplishment. It deserves to be a great name in stf fandom, and in future history by directing the people of America and the World toward the world of the future thru science fiction. It is NOT a great organization now, it is NOT ANYTHING that I can see.

Let's quit fooling around, members. Let's realize our potential, the potential of any organization well founded and well constructed. There is a greatness that N3F could achieve, but will never achieve if we don't open our eyes and see into the FUTURE, as stf fen are expected to do.

One fault, as I see it, with N3F at this time is its drive to acquire new members. Why do we need new members when the ones we have are not actively working together? We are getting too many members, members that do not want to work to better the club, and pretty soon the foundation of N3F will collapse from overweight. We have enough members, for the present, to accomplish almost anything, if we work together. IT IS UP TO THE OFFICERS TO ORGANIZE THE CLUB SO THAT WE SHALL BE ABLE TO WORK TOGETHER! Let us concentrate on important things to do with the people we have, instead of little things to do with people who aren't even interested in our future. Let's concentrate on making N3F better, instead of bigger, and weaker. It is a great club if you make it one. Ehat do you say, officers? And members.

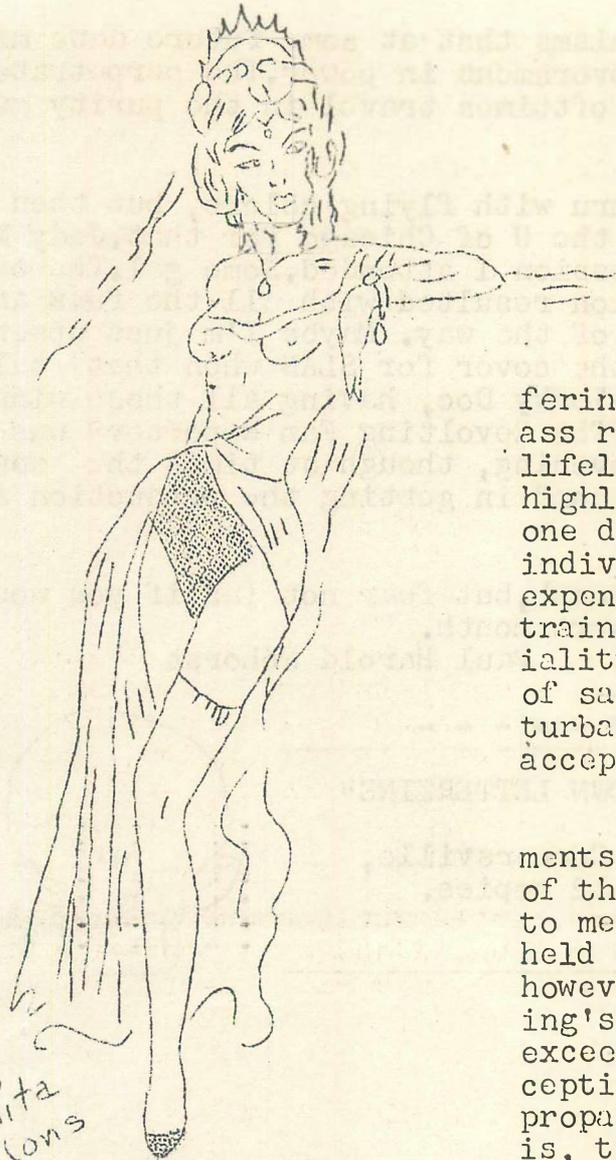
Sincerely,
Ron Smith

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1747 N. Lotus Avenue
Chicago 39, Illinois

Dear Ray;

Now that I've been able to discard my Army garb, though that accursed "five year" reserve obligation hangs over my civilian noggin like the guillotine did over Marie Antoinette's fair neck, I feel able



Juanita
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in ISFA NEWS

once again to seize the reins of "fandom's steed" and sticking my four cents worth (inflation you know) into the written coffer with a clear conscience and an open typewriter. Ah yes, one just can't excel the crystal clear independence of a civilian existence, where a person can pursue a daily life with a marked degree of personal freedom without suffering enforced restraint for this half-ass reason or that, at the hands of some lifelong-loving regimented dullwit. I highly recommend the "Army life" for anyone desiring a "robot led" existence. The individual personality is replaced by an expendable serial number and an Army trained MOS (Military Occupational Speciality). However, in these hectic days of satanic Stalinism and mysterious disturbances seen on radar screens, one must accept huge armies as a necessary evil.

Unfortunately prior made engagements prevented me from attending much of the Chicon, especially distasteful to me in that this happy event was being held right here in my home city. I did, however manage to take in Monday evening's closing session, one which I found exceedingly delightful with but one exception, that being the "one world" theme propaganda as expounded by one Gary Davis, the self styled "World Citizen", whatever that is supposed to be. I thought his comedy skit funny to the extreme, and indeed could have sat thru

hours more of the same. But I strenuously objected to his little "world citizenship" political speech presented in such a touching manner after the skit and he had been properly introduced to the assembled gathering. A convention such as the Chicon has no place for such obviously biased encroachments upon the bulk of the listeners therein. In that case a representative from all the political groups and other lesser crackpot organizations should have been allocated a like amount of space in the program.

Since the people that go to make up such a convention come from all walks of life and as such possess a great variety and diversity where matters such as political thinking are concerned, it would be wise to avoid involvement in areas of belief somewhat alien to the group on the whole. Then too the appearance of a person such as Gary Davis, well meaning as he may be, might to an outsider constitute an endorsement by the Convention and all Science Fiction devotees of the "World Citizenship" beliefs of said individual. In the curious age of extreme leftists, pinks and the like; wrought with witchhunts, some justified, some not, it is a wise man who avoids close association

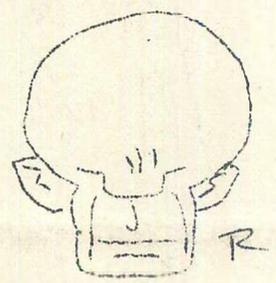
with somewhat cloudy dogmas and schisms that at some future date mite be looked upon with doubt by the Government in power. The perpetrators of dubious political abnormalities ofttimes travel in the purity guise of jolly and friendly buffoons.

The ballet, Asteroid, came thru with flying colors, but then we can thank the wonderful group from the U of Chicago for that. Judy May did a superb job of handling the session I attended. Some gal. The only real stumbling block in my estimation resulted with all the fuss and time it took to get the raffle out of the way. Maybe I'm just upset because I had four tickets on 3a, the cover for SLAN when that tale first appeared in "mag" form. That lucky Doc, having all those winning stubs. Bob Tucker's recorded tape "The Revolting Fan Reporter" was most certainly a highlight of the evening, though at times the sound tended to slur owing to the method used in getting the production across to the audience.

Guess I'll bow out for this month, but fear not (as if you would) you will be hearing from me again next month.
Paul Harold Rehorst

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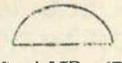
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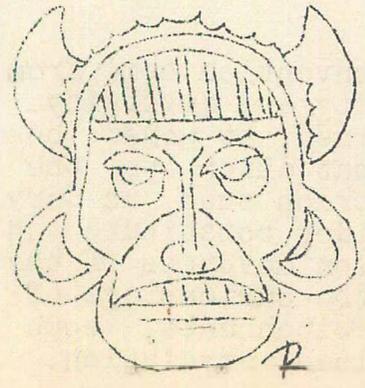
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A FEW LAST WORDS - We are well pleased with the response of letters coming in to POSIE, and want to thank each and every contributor, and ask too, that as soon as you receive this copy of POST WARP, PLEASE fire another contribution back to us AT ONCE! POSIE'S goal is AT LEAST 25 letters per issue, and as so many of you have requested that POSTWARP be revived and continued, it is up to you to furnish the letters. In this ish you will find letters from Stan Woolston, Richard Bergeron, Bob Farnham, Raymond Sowers, G. M. Carr, Fred Chappell; Bill Venable; Paul Harold Rehorst, Joseph Howard Krucher, Nan Gerding, Gregg Calkins, Raymond L. Chancy, Orville W. Mosher III, J. Howard Palmer, Alfred Machado, Jr., Stanley E. Crouch...making a total of sixteen. Now let's make it 25 letters next issue...which will be in February, so better hurry...first come--first served! DO IT -- NOW! WRITE POSIE!

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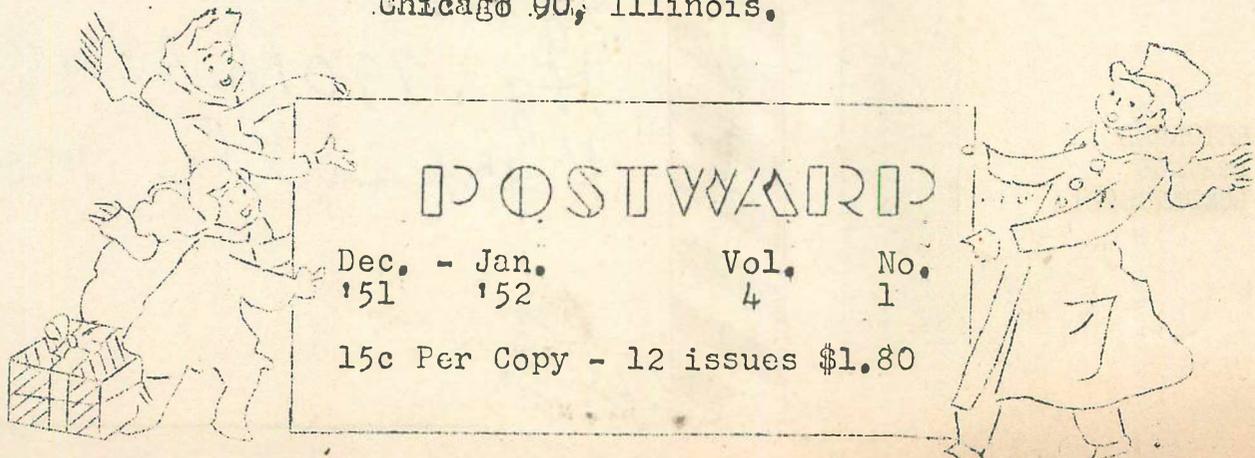
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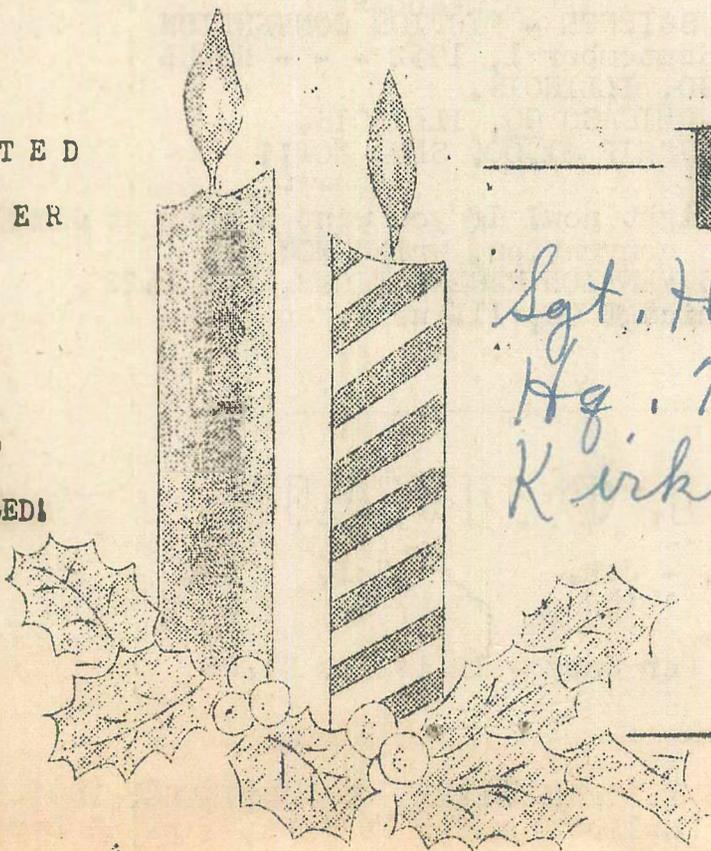
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