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The impossible we  
did yesterday--

the inconceivable  
may take us a few  
minutes longer.

#32

Although I had signed up for it, I wasn't able to make it to  
the LASFS picnic, because my parents take the car away from me at  
unpredictable intervals. This caused Patten/Gilbert much pain,  
since the Elephant sprang a surprise on them with APA L distribu-  
tion #31.5 (fractional distributions--an obvious carry-over from  
the cult). (Stop cringing, dutchman--Bruce says he saved you a  
copy). I think this makes Harness the only non-misser left.  
"One cannot help but get obscene,  
When speaking of Mr. Breen." --E. Joseph Baker

32 FORMAT(6Hbbbbbb), being random comments on the 31<sup>st</sup> disty.

A FANZINE FOR JACK HARNES (Fred Patten): AS OC, you should know  
better than to put heavy inclusions on your zine. They make more  
work for us assistant collators.

BARAD DUB #8 (Mike Klassen): You forgot to mention that we left  
Tech at 5:20 and arrived at UCLA at 6:20, with a stop at my house  
on the way. When they say techers drive fast, you better believe  
it. Only Hooch & Decker drive faster, and I think they do it by  
an as yet unclassified band of the sixth order.

You goofed. O's  
are slashed only in FORTRAN, MAP, and JOVIAL, not in boolean al-  
gebra. (Although it is a standard joke around Lloyd to slash all  
capital O's.)

FINGLE protech us! The UCLAn's are invading LASFS  
now. Lloyd House to the rescue! This is a job for super Neo!!!!

DER HOLLANDER #9 (Fred "ollander): One big advantage of ditto  
over mimeo is that dittoing onto only one side of ditto paper  
produces much better repro than even the best mimeoing I've ever  
seen. Of course, the purple on white is hard on the eyes after a  
while.

CARCASILLA #31 (Fred Patten): I'm ordering, I'm ordering, I'll  
take one.

EXPLETIVE # (Bjo): Send the free copy to "Van Arnam" at  
his nominal address (1730 Harrison Ave, apt. 353, Bronx, N.Y.,  
10453) and let Stiles, brown, and White argue over it.

I apolo-  
gize, not so much for Shir@press Publication #69, but for getting  
Harness and the Pelze started.

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Shir@press Publication #76  
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HOMBREN #31 (Rich Mann): Ever hear of AFA F or LA'APA? I've published for both of those. Also, I think APA L is lot's of fun and I see no reason why a weekly apa (L or F) should count less than any other apa. In fact, I've been publishing for 7 years now, by Quarterly APA Time.

MAYHEM ANNEX #3 (Ed Meskys & Felice Rolfe): A lower case "b" is the usual symbol in type and print for the bit combination 110000 which causes suppression of printing in that character position. (i.e., a blank or space.) Therefore, the statement will cause single spacing (carriage control is a blank) followed by the printing of a blank line. The statement is equivalent to F~~OR~~MAT(6X) or F~~OR~~MAT(6h ).

I'm impressed. Jim Lucas had mentioned the use of this with incoherent white light for reflection to get true color balance film, but I never thought of extending the effect from simple interference (such as the Fraunhofer effect) to Fresnel "one effects. Sounds terrific.

end of comments

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At this time, I think I will take time out to tell the "Red White, and Blue Bhoys" why I think the present "ouse Committee on Unamerican Activities should be abolished. Although the U.S. very definitely needs a means of investigating communist and other subversive activities, HUAC is not the organization to do this. The reason is that HUAC has a long history of investigating intellectuals who dared to be different, and sticking a communist label on them, regardless of the facts. As a result, HUAC is unlikely to get any cooperation out of the intellectuals, because we hate it with a purple passion. What is needed is a new committee, with a new name, and none of the old members. The enabling bill for such a committee should guarantee the right to "take the fifth" without being cited for contempt of congress. It should also provide that any member of the committee who leaks information from a closed session to the press will incur automatic dismissal thereby, and that any person who is accused of subversive activity by the committee shall have the right to have counsel in the committee room, and to cross-examine any persons who so accuse him.

This should provide sufficient protection against the McCarthy technique to satisfy witnesses before the committee that they will not be slandered. (Oh, yes. The provisions about cross-examining witness shall apply only in open meetings or where one of the committee members has leaked something from a closed session) Thus, in closed session, witnesses would be free to give testimony without having to undergo a possibly unnerving cross-examination.

That's all for now.

Hoping you've not gone communist...

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