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COVER:

Yes, Virginia, there really is an Eno. He (she? it?) plays synthesiser and tapes for a British rock band named Roxy Music. They have released two albums on Warner Bros. records: "Roxy Music", and "For Your Pleasure", which are worth listening to, if you can find them. They are, believe it or not, one of the biggest acts in Britain.

Do the Strand!

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DROPPED: No one

NEXTPUB: John P. Conlon Deadline: 09/08/73 Pubdate: 09/10/73

Conlon's letter never reached me, so I don't know whether or not he has announced Latepub. I will assume he has, pending notification. Do thou likewise.

MUST WRITE TO FR 307: Hollander, Eney

OAFFICIAL BUSINESS: None

ON THE BOARDS:

This is Rock and Roll Queens, the "Better Late Than Never" FR. In keeping with my Editorial Principles, I've published intact every letter that I did publish, though I have combined two into one in a couple of instances. I have credited all letters that I received, and any that I didn't print have been sent on to Conlon for possible publication in his FR.

If your letter wasn't printed, it's because I reached the point where further publication would have been an unreasonable strain on my time and pocketbook. It essentially became a compromise between my desire to print as complete an FR as possible, and the additional delays and expense involved in doing everything.

This has been fun, but I'm glad I don't have to do it again for 39 weeks. Bye.

As often happens, a few people didn't get letters to Hollander in time. Among these poor unfortunates, and first through the turnstile this time around, was the Cult's favorite pseudonym:

Ted Johnstone

1001 Wentz Rd., Blue Bell, PA 19422
07/26/73

Dear Cult:

Wednesday finally brought Miller's shit-faced excuse for a postmailed FR, a disgrace to LA Cultdom and a monument to the tradition of half-assed fakefans fucking up communication with effectively null Rotators.

If Harness or Pelz had done this, I would have realized at once they had discovered invisible mimeo ink, and proceeded to run tests starting with heat and progressing thru iodine, ammonia, ultra-violet and some of the simpler broad-spectrum developers. But considering the source I don't think I need bother. This clown just stuck three plain sheets, as blank as his mind, on the back of his sub-minimal FR to bulk it out and bug the recipients (at least some of whom may be assumed to be interested in Cultac, if only seeing their letters in print).

You may have noticed I called it "sub-minimal" above -- I have not turned up my Cultstitutions since my move, but isn't a Petition from a member considered to be Business? I had clearly stated Petition in my letter, which I think should have been published. I understand Lee Gold and Matthew Tepper are publishing a f/rational containing the proper contents of FR 304 along with the real Story behind Miller's Delay, so I won't restate the petition here. (*A petition is only considered Business if it contains the necessary three signatures and is up for a vote. As your petition was not co-signed, it does not so qualify. --DMcC*)

My point, however, is that this may be grounds for declaring Miller O*U*T* If it isn't, there was the difficulty involved in finding Hollander's pubdate, and the question of whether, as Miller admits he received (presumably) legally dated f/rationals from both Whitmore and Denton acceptable as Credit for that Period, he should have given them "No" in the activity column.

Admittedly, all this is skating on the thin edge of legality -- we could probably manage to overlook such a truly putrid publication. But with this pack of legal beagles snorting around the Cult I could hardly refrain from pointing it out.

If the projected Wler f/rational actually comes out, AWLer Gold and IWLer Tepper probably deserve three gold stars and a rubber raspberry to share out between them. We might even consider elevating one of them into Miller's about-to-be-vacated position, tho such an unprecedented action would ring far into the corridors of Power. (*It would also be illegal, immoral, and fattening, unless you could arrange some method of getting rid of Eney first. --DMcC*)

As I'm trying to make this a substantial letter, and don't have anything else much to talk about or otherwise inspire me, I may as well mention the cover. More Specifically, in case Harness ever gets around to writing an answer of some kind, I'd like to ask if that title was his own, if he had the stencil lying around or if it was commissioned. I suspect the former, as he'd probably have lettered the title if Craig had asked him for it; it's a typically good Harness cover, a little more blatantly obscure than most. I like the swing of the composition.

By the way, if you have read this far, Jxtn Muir, ~~you are caught in~~ what ever happened to the Cultoons you did at the Magic Mountain excursion a couple months ago. I had understood they were given to Pelz with the understanding he would be applying for the IWL.

Stay Cool, -Taj

Unfortunately, the non-printing of your "Petition" is insufficient grounds for tossing Miller into the Outer Darkness. However, he did make errors in the roster which may be proper grounds. For example, Lerner did write to Miller, and is therefore in "Must Write" status, rather than Limbo.

The other Cultist who missed Flieg's letter deadline was the Cult's resident bookdealer, describing car problems which rival even Burley's. Are Saabs and Volvos plagued by the same Norse gremlins?

Tom Whitmore

2326 McGee, Berkeley, CA 94703
07/26/73

Greetings, Flieg and Cult:

I am still in California, for various reasons. It started when Phred Fitz-Norton the Neo Wonder Saab, having lived through a journey of major proportions in getting out here, decided to stay in Buttonwillow, a small town 22 miles outside of Bakersfield. He did this by inhaling a valve and freezing the engine. So, after hitching back up to Berkeley (picture if you will, three people and a Borzoi standing at an on-ramp in the middle of California's Central Valley desert in the early afternoon, hitch-hiking actually getting a ride to within twenty miles of where they wished to go) we proceeded to look for other means of transport. After several days, a mad scheme was conceived, which involved purchasing an old pickup truck, going to Buttonwillow, and towing the Saab to the East Coast. The first few parts of this operation passed without danger or fear, and we were in the truck about ten miles outside of Hollister when the water pump started leaking. Not just leaking: it seemed as if more than half the water went out each time the thing cycled once. So, swearing, at about a mile a quart, we worked our way, first to Hollister, then to Gilroy (where I managed to get a Bradbury first in dw for 20¢) and then back to San Jose, where we finally managed to get a water pump, after several days of searching. So Michael Butler and Bonnie went down to Buttonwillow, where they picked up the Saab and towed it back up here. It is now being worked on, and may actually be repairable. But we shall see.

As I have seen no Cult materials for a few months, I have no comments on any of the present gossip. This is somewhat annoying.

JOE B.: I got your want list, I've several of the items you want; I'll send particulars once I get back East, as I neglected to bring your list with me. I had expected to get back before this. Sorry.

That's all for Cultac for Now.
See you all someday -Tom

Our next reservation for publishing space wafts its way from Merrie Olde England, where Denton sees plays, meets a pro, and tramps along the moors. GSTQ.

Frank Denton

Bodmin Moor
08/01/73

Dear Dennis and Cult:

I missed Flieg's letter deadline and had better get with it or I'll miss your's also.

We've been in England now for 11 days and today was the first time we have flagged a bit. Five days in London walking practically everywhere got us off to a great start. We saw four plays during that time including Anthony Newley in his new musical "The Good Old Bad Old Days" and Alec Guinness in "Habeas Corpus." Also saw the Royal Shakespeare Company in "Julius Caesar" and "Anthony and Cleopatra." We visited Greenwich and saw the Cutty Sark, one of the last clipper ships from the China tea trade and the Gypsy Moth in which Chichester sailed aloe around the world.

Leaving London by car we travelled up to Henley-on-the-Thames and spent a delightful seven hours with Keith Roberts, SF writer. If you haven't read Pavane, do so. He was kind enough to give me autographed copies of Pavane and his latest novel,

The Boat of Fate, a historical about Roman Britain.

From there we have gone on to see the Iron Age monument, the great white horse carved in the side of the Vale of the White Horse, the great standing stones of Avebury, Wells Cathedral, Bath, and then down into Dorset to see Corfe Castle, the setting for Pavane. Also spent a morning at Cadbury Castle, which is believed now to be Camelot. It's a great 4th century earth fort, perhaps a quarter of a mile long.

Bothe Corfe Castle and Okehampton Castle, which we visited today, were originally Norman keeps, gradually added to and both pulled down in 1646 by Cromwell's Parliamentary forces after they had surrendered.

Tomorrow we head down to southern Cornwall to Land's End, St. Ives, Penzance, St. Austell and perhaps to find Archie Mercer, Tolkien fan, at Helston.

Then north to Tintagel, Lynton, and some walking on Ennmor in Lorna Doone county before heading on to Wales and Ireland.

Will return home on August 25th. Meantime,

Keep evil -Frank Denton

Raising his hand to be recognized from the back of the room is Tepper, who lifts his "Shield of Umor" to defend himself from Cochran's promises of divine justice.

Matthew Tepper

535 Ocean Ave. 2B, Santa Monica CA 90402
08/03/73

Dear Cult,

I have on hand Fli g's "The Piebald Unicorn 7" -- how nice to have an FR that contains real letters, and considering that so few came in, they might even be complete! This is being kept on one page, and suitably typed, so that Dennis McCunney may publish it whole should he so chose. (*As you notice, I'm retyping to keep a consistent format. Thanks anyway. --DMCC*)

GEO. SENDA: It's still your sayso, you realize, and since I shall neither deny nor confirm that statement in print, YaleOAF will still calculate his lack of credulity for you into his judgement on the matter. And on getting people above thrown out: I admit the only thing we lowly, sniveling IWLers can do is wait until a number of people above us have taken their leave, but still TAJ is one person I'd rather have as a fellow-member. The same applies to a couple of others -- dammit.

BERT DUCH: I imagine that is his proboscis were of the purported proportions, Cyrano de Bergerac might have had a few interesting advantages and disadvantages in his duels. (And if another member were similarly outsized, that might help explain his prowess on the field of Venus as well). Have you heard the theory that Cyrano helped Lorenzo da Ponte write the libretto for Mozart's "Don Giovanni?" (*I was tickled when he turned up in Heinlein's Glory Road. --DMCC*)

R. ENEY: I forgot to mention when you were in town that a friend at a record store recently turned up a performance-tape of "The Grand Duke." I may be able to arrange dubs, if you're interested. (#) Nice to have you back in the USA.

FLIEG Ph.D.: The number of letters appearing in Craig's FR turned out to be zero, so the point (as Tedron might say) is moot. (\$) Sampo's Westercon was misprogrammed in that the committee seemingly made little attempt to organize panels in advance. I find that in most cases the success of a convention panel is based on 1) the abilities of the people on the panel, and 2) the reactions of the audience. Since the organization in the case of point 1) was chaotic, the panels did not come off so well. As for "...if fucked-up Westercons are typically Sampo, then why the continuing

series of them?". This past Westercon, as you recall, was the result of a caretaker bid that won after the Business Meeting in 1971 failed to get the three-fourths majority to allow an out-of-turn bid -- by six votes. Note also that neither of the next two Westercons will be Sampo-run, and it's doubtful that they could enter a bid for 1976 and expect to win it. So the continuing series of Sampo Westercons is abated for at least three years. Your loyalties are admirable, but I'm afraid your lack of contact with recent events puts you somewhat in the shade.

SID COCHRAN, JR., J.D.: Please note that your letter was transferred to the stencil at a time when Craig was still calling the shots on how they were to be edited. Though I did make a few suggestions in that regard, the decisions were his to make and the only leeway I was allowed was the snide remarks I made between the ((double brackets)). Once I took over for the record, the remaining letters were published intact, with Tedron's xeroxed to authenticate its completeness (and also to show off the stationery). Unfortunately, at that time I was only able to take those letters which had not yet been stencilled. The heavily cut versions of the rest are the only surviving portions, apparently. My letter to that FR was lost entirely.

One could argue (were one sufficiently disrespectful) that your letter was ponderous, overlong and of little interest to Craig and/or myself. In that case, one would be no better than Fred Lerner. Again it is regretted that the carbon you sent to Craig seems to be lost, but as the original (one assumes) was sent to Yale, perhaps the letter's purpose has been achieved. If you take the philosophical point of view and laugh with the rest, you will command the respect in the Cult which I believe you fully deserve. I hope you will continue to write, and look forward to your contributions in the future.

mbt

Claiming boredom, Norbert the Duch writes three letters to this FR, wondering how much of the "garbage" will see print. Not being able to resist a challenge, McCunney edits two into one, and leaves Conlon the chore of inflicting dumb Polish and Italian jokes upon the Cult. Duch cannot say he wasn't warned.

Bert Duch

1215 S. 9th St., So. Plainfield, NJ 07080
07/31 08/04/73

Cult:

Am in line for an unusual vacation. Son Gregory has the first and second week in August, I took the last two. Daughter Debbie is on vacation from Nursing school summer session the last two weeks in August and the first couple in September. Debbie and her roommate wanted to go to Denver for a visit to my mother-in-law's. Roommate's mommie said no, I'm afraid of you flying. Debbie's mom (related to me) said no I won't have two girls travelling across the country by car -- fly! Greg and my wife left for Mom's this Saturday. Debbie, Grace and I are leaving for Denver in my car about the time this FR is due. Son Matt sees some possibilities and is tagging along with us.

Buick is coming out with the Apollo, a compact about 300 lbs. heavier than most compacts and is 197.9 in. in length. In case you all out there are looking for a car in '74 here are some comparative costs to help you in your haggling. Even if you don't buy Buick the % mark-ups may help. Sorry I don't have all the dealer list prices since the display car did not come equipped with all the items I wanted and so I couldn't take them from the cost sheet on the car window. I'm paying \$125 over the dealer cost.

	DEALER COST \$	DEALER LIST \$
Apollo 4 door sedan	2220.51	2627.00
Freight (Plainfield, NJ)	105.00	105.00
Power Brakes	35.92	-- --
Power Steering	88.16	113.00
Vinyl Interior	20.25	-- --
Air Conditioning	297.22	381.00
Sport Wheel Covers	21.50	-- --
Tinted Glass (all)	30.38	-- --
Automatic Transmission	155.80	200.00
Radio (AM)	50.70	65.00
Total	3025.44	

FLIEG: Even more remarkable that Cyrano fought a thousand duels and died at the age of 36 because then he would have had to have fought a duel on the average of once a week throughout his lifetime beginning at age 16. Billy the Kid and Jessie James had such big reputations as gunslingers that their reputations were kept up by becoming killers, you couldn't find anyone who wanted to challenge them to a gun duel. Where could Cyrano dig up a sucker a week? France in Cyrano's time must have been full of guys with strong suicidal tendencies, as well as guys who were just plain nuts.

MEADE: Don't know of anyone who made a film of Student Prince except the one utilizing Lanza's voice. In 1948-9 there was a b&w of the Student Prince made in Germany with subtitles playing at the Art Theatres around the country.

Bert Duch

Senda sends postcard, letter and flyer, all hand scribbled, detailing payment of debts, employment and grouches. The postcard and letter are printed, but unpaid ads are not.

George Senda

340 Jones St., Apt.1163, S. Fran, AC 94102
08/03/73

Dennis:

Rec'd Tepper's d.o. a few days ago. The confusion over who wrote what made it impossible to comment on. That, and the fact that I accidentally punctured my right eardrum Monday and am in great pain. I sent an \$80.00 check to Vardeman today and a copy to YaleOaf. You'll print all this, won't you? Please?

08/05/73

Dennis:

I wasn't going to write to your FR, but the pc from GHS has aroused my ire. What-in-the-hell right does Scithers have to bitch about the manner in which I settle my debts? I thought that a number of fans would wish to know of what I am/ was doing about the matters of last year (and only did so after conferring with local fans as to the rightness of sending out such a flier).

As mentioned to YaleF in a recent letter, I've now paid Vardeman the full \$103.05 I owe him. This and other matters to be covered in a future d.o..

Any other gripes, Scithers?

Grump, George Senda

P.S., If my opinion matters at all, I feel that Otto Matic should have "his" plug pulled vis-a-vis the Cult. (However, with "his" not having written for two periods,

it may be a moot point.) (As a member of the IWL, your opinion does not matter at all, in re Otto Matic, though I have printed your opinion. However, Dr. Matic's membership is not a moot point. Members of the IWL have no correspondence requirement except those imposed by the OA. Perhaps you should read the Cultstitution. --DMcC)

And I'm awaiting return of a letter from Johnstone on the Nimrod matter. I ask YaleOaf to hold any questions he may have (or rulings) on the matter until I receive word one way or the other from TAJ.

G., again

(And to think that this would have been my pubdate, too. *sigh*)

Our OA kindly reserves his accumulaton of rulings and official business for a later f/ractional, earning my gratitude.

Yale F. Edeiken, OA

606 W. Cornelia, Chicago, ILL. 60657
08/06/73

Dear Dennis,

Read Report From Engine Company # 82 last week, didn't realize Conlon and his brethren had such a tough job although I did realize that firefighting was considered by insurance companies as the most dangerous (actually, since forest rangers specializing in forest fighting are listed separately, the two most dangerous). I guess his beat isn't as tough as Smith's but it still sounds like no bed of roses.

John D. MacDonald was on a local talk show with some bad news for his fans. Seems there are some forty books which he has written and feels are below his normal standards. He is in the process of burning the mss. now so they won't be published posthumously. Too bad some other authors can't have this attitude toward their public image; it's also too bad more authors can't afford this attitude as easily as MacDonald. (I'd be interested in knowing how many of his earlier works already published MacDonald now considers to be below his standards. If there are such, would he ask a return of the copyrights when the publisher's option runs out, thus withdrawing them from circulation, and making extant copies collectors items? --DMcC)

TEPPER: Thanks very much for the d.o. Perhaps you deserve some Cultish accolade for services ~~like being given permission to piss on Senda~~. (I suspect the result would rather resemble the case of Alma Hill. --DMcC) I especially enjoyed the interesting illo on the back cover. Should you ever make it to Philly you might try stopping in the Victor Cafe in South Philly for dinner or drinking. They have a collection of about 20,000 78 records and Edison cylinders of operatic subjects. There are other nice things about the place which I will describe some time when there is more room.

GOLD: There might be a strange gathering in Philly when you're there. Seems I will be too for the marriage of one of my sisters. It will also be the weekend of the PSFS meeting; hope to see you there.

SCITHERS: The phrase in question was, as indicated, part of a quotation. I am not in the habit of so changing quotations as to alter the meaning intended; are you? If anyone can be accused of being dim as to what Eney wrote it is probable Eney. I had the same interpretation as you and said so. Eney hotly denied it.

What nostalgia? As far as I know most of the commuter routes I rode while living in the suburbs were of rather elderly vintage. This includes the P&W locals and the Paoli Local which, until recently ran the old red cars almost exclusively; these were, I believe, the 1911 model. We used to keep track to see who could get the lowest number. I once rode on #6 and a friend once had #3.

With the minimal delaying tactic (asking for a jury trial in all cases) and the courts available working a maximum efficiency in Philly the built up backlog over

one year's time would be five years in the Philly criminal courts. Since the bad log averages but six months including a mandatory 36 day wait due to the obsolete grand jury system imposed on Pennsy not by lawyers but by James Michener), an awful lot of people must be doing something right; not just a few. The truth is that a lot of the problem is due to insufficient and short-sighted funding. As has been pointed out, if a lawyer wants to eat, he damn well better have more than a modicum of integrity as far as his work is concerned.

Thanks for the letter on Assistant District Attorney Sprague. Such cases as his go to show the benefit of a free and un-intimidated press. Sprague, a rather unpleasant person of great abilities, was, for many years one of Annenberg's golden boys. This basically meant that any reporter who wrote a bad story about him had better start looking for a job in another city. This type of political intimidation worked well for him in 1967-68 when the rather sordid Magiziner affair almost became public but was successfully squelched. I believe I once wrote about the Burak cases which were involved with this cover-up tangentially.

I don't see why everyone is so upset about Lerner's editing. I thought it was rather standard practice for quite a few editors. I know Scithers edits from time to time (and fought with Vorzim(m)er about it the time I joined) and I know I cut some-- mostly personal or repetitive comments.

Pax--YaleF

Gold drops in on lovely fannish stationery, scatters comments here and there, and departs, leaving confused service-station attendants in her wake.

Lee Gold

2471 Oak St., Santa Monica, CA 90405
08/ ?/73

Dear Cult,

FR 305 Roster--Lerner did indeed send a letter to Miller (see d.O. 304001) and should be given letter credit for it. Incidentally, only Tepper should get d.O. credit, since everyone else's letters are technically reprinted from FR 304 and are/or should have been given credit there.

FLIEG: I did not mean to imply that Craig would be doing any more pubbing of letters sent to his FR, merely that his FR did contain part of a letter from Edeiken and that the d.O. did not, therefore, contain the entire FR material. Sorry to have confused you.

d.O. 304001 comments--The bacover on this should have been credited to Bjo. I believe it was Harness who supplied us with a ream of them.

SCITHERS (at least I assume that if Craig refers to you as George in his comments it is Scithers whom wrote that letter) Your comment about homework assignments for young lawyers reminds me that an apocryphal task for would-be Talmadic students was to come up with a list of one hundred reasons why pigmeat is kosher, despite the clear commandment that it isn't. It was felt that no one without the ability to do this had a flexible enough mind to become a rabbi.

BURGER: If you find yourself reading Cultac two or three times a week you must be getting more f/ractionals than I am or you must be absent-mindedly refiling the stuff in the IN basket, in which case no amount of addressing you as John O. Burger will help the situation.

DIAN: At Equicon, Barry, Don Simpson and I were sitting in the art show room looking at a Dollens. "I wish Dollens knew something about geology", said Barry. "I wish he knew something about composition and balance", said I. "I wish he could paint", said

Simpson.

COCHRAN/EDEIKEN: After Tepper/Miller's triumphant proof that English is less than 50% redundant, I would appreciate reading your letters in full. Did either of you happen to save carbons?

Our new license plates (Z9M9Z) have finally arrived. No comments as yet from service attendants, tho I feel some of them are rather confused.

Hoping you are the same, --Lee Gold

Burley, ignoring formats, submits something which must be published in the original.

Brian Burley

38 N. Main, Hackettstown NJ 07840
08/07/73

Dear Cult,

I have been waiting for someone to do an offset **FR** so I could demonstrate this. This lettering is done entirely by computer. Otto Matc, can you top this.

Speaking of Otto Matc, **FR**, I am hurt that you did not think of me as the ideal, unbiased person to evaluate it. I am far enough away that I could not have had anything to do with setting it up, and I do have some experience in matters computer.

If someone could send me a copy of the program, I will be glad to provide a nontechnical description for publication in a future **FR**. It will probably include comments by disinterested non Cult, non fan programmers who work with me. Secondly, if someone would provide me with the proper phone number and access codes, etc, I will try to contact Otto Matc from here - assuming that it is accessible with teletype-type equipment - and try to demonstrate its true nature. The results will be especially good if I have a copy of the program to work with. As I have said before I think it needs to be guided. With proper guidance, I think it will make a fool of itself, and we will be finished with this nonsense.

I think that this is enough demonstration of program Scribe. I will continue in a more normal mode.

Cheers, Brian

Fred Lerner

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08/03/73

To the Cult:

First of all, a vote of thanks to Tepper for (in effect) publishing Miller's FR, thus prolonging the Great Chain of Being. I do take exception to Tepper's mis-labeling of my religious affiliations: I am by no means a follower of the Great Spider, but rather a member of the True Faith of the Sacred Cat (or Le Vrai Foi du Chat Sacre) as it is known in Canada). ## And I suppose Tepper didn't know it, but the Cult got tired of the editing-out-every-other-word ploy back when Boardman and Arnie Katz were playing games with each other. (At least when I apply the editorial scalpel, the residue is readable!)

Harness's cartoon was beautiful; he should revise it and send it someplace that pays money for such things. ## If Tepper finds "Otto Matic" a worthy and interesting character to carry on a conversation with, he must have a curious notion of what constitutes a conversation. I would like to have a conversation with him; I might learn something about him, about myself, about something. But what can one learn from a dialog with a computer-program?

AD HOMINEM

CONLON: Have you read John Barth's novel, The Sot-Weed Factor? John Smith is (indirectly) a character in it. I caught Barth in one anachronism, but otherwise he does a very good job of telling his story in the words and ways of the period in which it is set: the late XVII century. (One of his characters uses the term "jungle," which is Hindi for forest. I figured that the word hadn't come into English till about a hundred years later, when the East India Company began its penetration into the interior of the subcontinent. A check of the O.E.D. confirmed my suspicion; the first recorded use of "jungle" in English was in 1776. Ironically, "jungle" comes from a Sanskrit word meaning "desert.")

I'm not sure if Sammivel Johnson was right: old hulks were often used as prisons, particularly in time of war, and I imagine that some of them were sunk.

FITCH: I can never stay indoors in good weather; this Cult-letter is being written on a rainy day, as are most of mine. Yesterday I got out into Western New Jersey, taking the long back-roads route to Hackettstown, and drove thru farm country and woodland. Unfortunately, new freeways are making this land accessible to New York in under an hour, and you know what that can do to open country. I think that I'll go to upstate New York or northern Pennsylvania this weekend...

I'll close with a revised final verse for the Orc's Marching Song:

When Shagrat's job went down the drain
At the end of Sauron's reign,
He received his new assignment with elation.
You can see him on TV
Live, from Washington DC --
He's top man in Tricky Dick's administration!

--Fred

... and the Post Office.

08/03/73

To the Cult:

Here's a suggestion for qualifying for the special fourth class rate at

the Post Office. Print in the roster or colophon of your fanzine some words to the following effect: "This material is submitted in unpublished form to a limited audience for the purposes of comment and criticism." Then, mail it as manuscript material, which also gets the special rate. I think that that will work.

--Fred

Whitmore PC's annoyance...

Tom Whitmore

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08/06/73

Greetings!

Though Flieg has already forwarded a letter, I feel vaguely obliged to send further data. I am Pissed at Miller -- he received my COA before pubbing, yet acted not upon it. The previous address is dead through having been sold -- so I therefore will not get FR 304. No great loss, to judge from comments -- but I think Miller should be dropped from Membership. Temper justice with mercy -- just send him to the bottom of the AWL, or require a 15+ page f/r for re-instatement. I should send another COA before you pub. Being stuck in Ca. has yielded much reading time. Here later.

--T. Whitmore II

...while Svoboda could have gained full letter credit had he not insisted on brevity by fitting all of this on a PC. (Yea, verily I say unto you...)

Aljo Svoboda

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08/08/73

Memo to the Cult: In particular Dennis McCunney --

This should insure my response as well as my brevity -- I would not want to waste 6¢ after all, even in such a good cause as yours... Seeing my name at the bottom of the waitlist brings back the days of my neohood, it does. The happy memories of whatever was going on back then.

"Community standards" is a very interesting thing, indeed. Could a Red Light District be considered a "Community" (which is defined as "a number of people having common ties or interests and living in the same locality"), for instance? Survival looks to be difficult for anyone in any way different from the mob around him. A very lowest-common-denominator decision by a very lowest-common-denominator court, I do believe. Mediocrity conquers all? (Well, middle-class morality certainly seems to...)

Gee. I'd always thought of Nixon as just one more amateur Fascist making good, and now it turns out the man is much more of a professional dictator than he looks. I underestimated him, along with most everybody else. Unfortunate.

George Senda has come so far along the road to salvation in the eyes of Greater Fandom that I'm sure it won't be long before he starts giving testimonials at convention banquets that will inspire fans, young and old, across the nation, and like that, to give up their fuggheadries and take up a life of honesty and niceness, on paper and off. That's how these stories always end you know.

And that seems to be enough of a pocsard to satisfy you of my continuing reality. I'm a bit saner right now than I would really like to be, but by next time, I should be reasonably Cultish, as Tedron put it. Would you like the Lords Prayer (praise be to Roscoe) inscribed on a penny?

--Aljo

The Cult being composed of professional nitpickers, Scithers feels compelled to de-louse our OA's petition and our OA.

George Scithers

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08/13/73

Dear Cult and all:

YaleF's f/r is fractional to hand. As Flieg says, since this is the best of all possible CULTs, why change now? There is this habit of trying to amend the CULTstitution to cope with individual problems, but...

Since YaleF's f/r isn't two weeks before McCunney's, the petition doesn't yet have to be called to vote; we've an extra period's worth of nitpicking to spend. So: there are two ways of coping with the "problem" of everyone giving notice of intent to late pub and tending to minac when taking the full two weeks. For one: modify YaleF's amendment so that, instead of incurring a 15 page penalty as a lump discontinuity, fine latepubbers a page per day of lateness. That is, replace IV: PUBLISHING REQUIREMENTS, 1. c. with "publish, not more than two weeks late, a legal FR, containing in addition to the requirements of II: 1. a. & b. above, one page of original material per day of lateness.

The other possibility is to move the letterdeadline date forward to the Wednesday before pubdate. This gives the FRed a couple of days more to emit his FR, and should reduce the incidence of latepub considerably.

The three possibilities, then: YaleF's : eliminate notice of latepub, and require 15 pages of FR if more than one week late. Scithers' first: eliminate notice of latepub, and require an extra page of FR per day of lateness. Scithers' second: move letterdeadline day to Wednesday before pubdate, and leave notice of latepub in TRC. Is there, O wicked OA, some way you can devise that the membership can pick amongst these before actually voting to amend TRC?

Our OA, apparently, is misreading TRC again. II. 1. a. refers to the content of the roster, not the FR as a whole. The remaining content of the FR is listed in II. 1. b. ("To be legal, a FR must...contain a...roster...including the Cult activity of each...") The word "including" clearly refers to the roster, not the FR. Hence, Miller's failure to list activity in the roster makes his roster incomplete, hence Miller's roster, his FR, and Miller himself are all illegal.

Hoping you are the same

--GHS

Cochran answers and asks questions, comments, warns, and (sort of) postscripts.

Sid Cochran

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08/05/73

Dennis & Cult:

Last FR, Yale inquired how the phrase "President Kennady" sounded to me.

Historical.

Of course, I must suppose that Mr. Edeiken applauds, with glee, the conduct of the idol of his youth in sending the FBI to roust the President of US Steel out of bed at 3 AM to command him to rescind an increase in the price of steel.

What can you expect from the success of police state methods, but other and further police state methods? One should further notice that during the incumbency of President Kennedy, Mr. J. Edgar Hoover had not yet foresworn that use of certain extra-legal methods in gathering information for internal security purposes. This was not done until the incumbency of President Johnson.

As to the irrelevant political affiliation of Mr. Marvin Kitman -- I suggest that it would not have been at all difficult to obtain the services of some or other Democratic delegates to the National Convention, etc., to perform like drolleries to those committed by the honorable Mr. Kitman, especially in view of the personal conduct of Mr. McGovern in the 1972 campaign towards various factions in the party. The local Demo Nat'l Con delegate would've been glad to disrupt the McGovern campaign, if he could have helped do so.

Where did you say that Mr. Kitman had his credentials as a Republican from, anyway? Hmm. I should think that the chances of a Chinaman running on a laundry (sic) ticket should be pretty good. Running under the elephant or the donkey banner -- that's different! And, if you believe Bret Harte, what he ran for, where, has a bearing on his chances of success.

GALE: (Repeated from deletions of about two FR's or so ago.)
"Shanti vobiscum," eh? What kind of Irish is that?

DR. MATIC: In FR 295, our beloved now OA mentioned the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King. I am told that the assassin, James Earl Ray, did it for the status of deed; for some respect among his peers. I don't know whether or not that's a sign of mental imbalance. Would you care to comment on the possibility, Doctor?

TEPPER: If you wax verbose in my FR some cycles hence, I just may print every third (or thirteenth) letter in your contribution. Be ye warned.

--Sid Cochran Jr.

Addendum:

LEE: It's a great number, of course. But do you work in a think-tank, like Rand or for the likes of IBM, or does it have a TV in the back seat? Otherwise it's like buying a football jersey with No. 14 (or whatever) on it, because that's Joe Namath's (or whoever's) number. Still fun, of course, and por-ii suo buon diletto.

--Sid

Last through the turnstile for this FR is Burnick, who finally gets the chance to make comments of her own after typing everyone else's. (A smart Cultist gets somebody else to do all the work. Though believe it or not, she asked to do it!)

Gale Burnick

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08/18/73

Dennis, Clut and Harassing George,

Well, now on the last page, half used, Dennis tells me I'm free to comment on material in his FR. Thanks pal. When I was told I couldn't, I just decided to skip the whole affair, after the amount of typing I was doing. (Between Den and me, you might have one typist).

Harassing George is GHimself Scithers and no other. Since this is being typed in his house, on his selectric, I'm not going to ask him to leave but, George, you do chatter. My revenge lies in the number of typos in typing his letter contrib.

BRIAN: One quick comment; thatsa purdy letter.

Ananda --Gale

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Dear Dennis & Cult:

The TorCon is coming up, Very Soon Now, and it would seem wise to get Cultac out of the way -- the week or so following a WorldCon has a way of slipping past very rapidly, with letters remaining unwritten. Of course, there are probably hectographs in Toronto, and the Cult Seance there might result in some sort of f/ractional woneshot. ("there's only one sort of oneshot -- bad..."C.Burbee)

Flieg: The Old Days of 100+ page FRs seem to be gone forever...and perhaps a Good Thing, at that. Piebald Unicorn #7 is an OK FR; apparently you published all the letters submitted, in their entirety -- which is really about all that can be expected in this degenerate era.

Jeff: Glad to have you aboard the Bucket. The Cult, as you're probably aware, has something of a Reputation for being nasty (not just Dirty, though it has passed through phases of that, back before Porno became demp-respectable in the Mainstream world), but deliberately insulting and antagonistic. As something of an Outsider, you will have an interesting time discovering or deciding when the manifestations of this are Serious (the Cult can contain people who hate each other's guts), when they are mere Ritual, and when they are part of an underlying friendship. (Your previous fanzines have indicated that you're an amiable sort of person, and I wouldn't want you to get turned off from the Cult through misunderstanding, as some people have been. (Others, of course, have understood the Cult perfectly well, and still got turned off:))

A formal type introduction and biography is by no means necessary, since most important things come out between the lines in the course of conversation, but it may be a good idea anyway.

Err...I'm by no means sure that "mundanes need to be saved, and club fans need to be made fannish." Recruitment into fannish and publishing fandom ought, I think, to be limited to a sort of "here it is, for those of you who've been obscurely searching for it." presentation, plus maybe a communication of enthusiasm from those who are doing and enjoying it. The Kansas City SF Club sounds quite staunchly sercon; perhaps all you'll be able to do will be to draw together (and to some extent guide) the small fannish element which surely exists in it.

I don't admire or collect pornography (it's Expensive, and most of the Hard Core stuff rather turns me off sex -- blatancy and monotony are aesthetically unsatisfying, and the hardcore publications generally concentrate on the Climax to the total exclusion of the emotional aspect and the gradual build-up, which is half the fun. I must confess, also, to an almost Moral Revulsion towards the sado-masochistic & bondage type, and some dislike (perhaps largely aesthetic) towards the black lace & garter-belt & high heels category. (One good point in contemporary porno == many of the models are younger, more attractive, and more natural and human-looking than those in the past.)) I do occasionally look at the picture magazines & cet, when the looking is free, but on the whole it isn't my cup of tea. On the other hand, I can see no good reason why some people (even though they may be in a Position of Power) should be allowed to dictate what other people may or may not see or read. The recent Supreme Court decision seems (as Flieg points out) to be incredibly stupid from an enforcement standpoint -- and yet it is likely to be extremely effective, in that it submits the publishers to extreme and crippling harassment. It also, in effect, limits their freedom of speech to that which is acceptable in the most remote and reactionary backwoods village. Make that "officially acceptable". Considering some of the things that go on in backwoods villages.... I note that some Official in Glendale is trying to bring action to prevent Deep Throat from being shown in Hollywood. (Glendale and Hollywood are about 30 miles and 75 years apart -- hardly a community.)

And speaking of Deep Throat, onee Calif. legislator is trying to make it a felony to watch "any motionpicture depiction of any sexual act which is itself a felony in this state." I.e.: it'll still be ok to watch a movie depicting a murder, but you could be imprisoned for five years for watching one which shows a blow job. As you say, things are probably going to get worse before they get better, and in the meantime the courts and law-enforcement agencies (at the taxpayers' expense) are going to be jammed up with a lot of such stupidities, while real crime is not adequately dealt with. Homo sapiens indeed!

The general tendency in history has been for Government to be totalitarian and repressive, it seems; there is a good chance that this trend will be reversed as a result of modern education/communication/awareness, but...it'll be interesting to see how things work out. (The "awareness" back there refers to something one of the Minneapolis people brought up during one of those sitting-in-the-hallway-floor conversations shortly before dawn at a con some years ago -- a realization which is growing in societies all over the world...that people do not have to Accept whatever niche accident of birth has placed them in. They can go elsewhere and adopt other life styles.

Flieg: I suspect that by "misprogrammed" Senda means that the Sampo WesterCon program was not to his liking. More to the point as Criticism: 1) the participants in many of the program items were not listed in advance, and probably were selected close to the last minute, from whoever happened to be at hand. 2) Program items were often switched around without adequate notice. & 3) It was usually difficult (and sometimes impossible) to find out where a given event was being held.

EquiCon I made a largish amount of money, and could have made more with a bit of luck and somewhat more efficient handling; presumably EyeCon I is (at least in part) trying to ~~cash~~ in, and EquiCon II is viewing this as Competition.

Senda omits a significant aspect of The Great Ape Costume Theft; instead of reporting the theft to the Con Committee, Schwartz called the Police directly. There he was, leading two uniformed officers (with guns) through all the open (and some of the closed) fan parties, and along the corridors. The poor policemen were doing their best not to inhale as they passed certain doors, apparently. Their presence (for which most of the people did not know the reason) caused ripples of disquietude (but no real uptightness) to spread through the con that evening, and I suspect that Schwartz got Talked To at least as Firmly as the guy who stole the costume did.

Yale: Be it Judicial Restrain or Inertia, the Courts do not generally move until convinced that they are obliged to do so. Your friend should have known that, and arranged his argument accordingly.

Nixon does seem to have a point in refusing to co-operate with the Senate investigation; if the matter should come to Impeachment, the House conducts the hearings, and the Senate acts as Judge/Jury. It's not quite right to have them make up their minds in advance...in fact, impeachment now seems most unlikely, partly for that reason-- which may have been the idea behind things. Strangely (and frighteningly) enough, Nixon does not seem to have lost much popularity, according to the public opinion polls.

Me: While I don't have to scrimp, particularly on the food budget, I am (as some of you know) a Contrary person, and greatly Resent having to pay ridiculously high prices for food. So I've been cutting down even more on meats, and eating lots of corn and beans and squash (good ol' Native American foods). And I've been utilizing the fruit from the flowering/fruited peach seedling I planted 5 or 6 years ago. Eight pounds of jam so far, and another 8 to be made tomorrow, plus several batches of peach leather. (ca. 4 cups mashed fruit, juice of 1 lemon (to preserve color and

release pectin), ca. 2 cups sugar. Boil, stirring constantly with a wooden spoon, until thick enough that you're afraid it's going to stick and scorch, spread as thin as possible on cookie sheets, and dry several days in oven with pilot light on. The leather tastes like dried peaches, and makes a good candy substitute, though probably the long cooking has destroyed most of the nutritional qualities. The Traditional (and perhaps better) is simply to mash the fresh fruit and spread the pulp on flat pans in the sun to dry... time-consuming, and subject to Problems with spoilage and insect infestation. Humm...I might also try the old trick of filling a five-gallon crock with sliced peaches and covering with brandy to preserve them.

Lee: I guess it's nice to be considered part of the younger generation, but in fact I didn't read (or can't remember reading) any of E.E. Smith's books until about five years ago. And even so, Z9M9Z, despite its palindromy, is not the sort of Detail I'd be likely to remember.

Flieg: You mean...there are rivers in Ioway? Rivers sufficiently unpolluted to yield edible fish? I'm in the habit of saying, to friends who are Fishing Nuts, "Gee, I've never felt the need for an excuse to get out in the country and loaf," but one must admit that really fresh fish (especially when it's free) is a Great Attraction.

Jeff; (deshabille osculator #1, d.O. 0.30501) : All of this has been going on for years *sigh*, though there've been more fractionals of late than are usual.

Your description of the Dr. Otto Matic program (...the exchanges themselves made sense, but I couldn't find any point to the Comment-Answer couplets if I looked at several at a time.) bears an interesting relationship to much Cultac by real Members.

With almost 2,000 members already, TorCon promises to be the Largest WorldCon Yet, again. Presumably it will turn into several conventions -- one for established fans (the people who already know each other through fanzines, clubs, and previous cons) and one for the thousand who are just readers of sf.

"f/r 305.004: The Great Chicago Fire" : This is lacking the name of a Publisher, and thus may not be a Legal f/r, though presumably it's from Yale F; it did spark a few Comments anyhow.

I'm no admirer of Miller's minac in the Cult (or elsewhere), but the grounds on which he'll be dropped (unless he publishes a bunch of Corrections which have already been made and for which we have no real need) seem rather like minor nitpicking, really. Besides, I'm beginning to suspect that he's really a Cultish Type. Consider: it's quite possible that he got off with publishing an Absolutely Minac FR, and that he engaged in an elaborate bit of subtle psychological manipulation which caused Tepper to go to all the work and expense of publishing the letters. Matthew thinks he did it on his own initiative, of course, ~~but that's the way I planned it when I implanted the idea in Craig's mind at about 7 a.m. on the third day of a con some months ago.~~

I do not like the idea of making Latepub automatic. The present set-up at least encourages members to publish on time or very soon thereafter. If I know myself and many of the other members, the new rule would lead to frequent 2-week latepub, and a correspondence group based on a 3-week cycle cannot flourish under such conditions.

Good Grief! No time for a 4th page.

Don