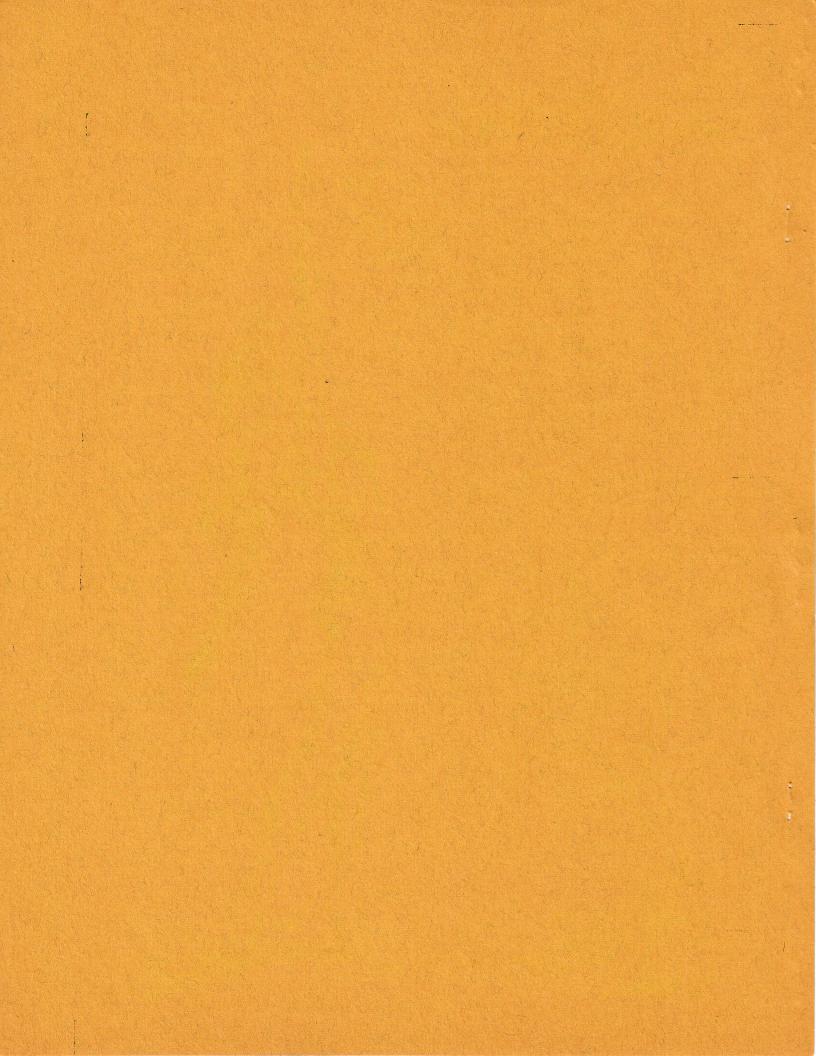
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STATON BREAK

With this issue, I hope to bring back legible repro to these pages. Dave Pulan was going to print the thing for me on the LASFS rex, but after I had eight pages already on stencil, he informed me that the rex had a funny registration to ration. So Len Bailes, trublu friend to the down-trodden will do this issue. I will have the next issue off the rex.

I had planned to have a somewhat spectacular cover on this issue, either hard-colored or air-brushed. Since Len's printing is not as predictable as the rex, I'm sort of undecided at the moment. If there is color on this cover, you'll know I went ahead with it, and if not, you can look forward to it for next issue.

As of now, I know of Dave Hulan and Larry Montgomery who are in the running for the position of Official Editor of SFPA. Dave has on past occasions shown that he has the ability to run the apa with great skill, and I have no doubt that he could do so again.

However, I feel that the Editor of an apa based on Southern residence should have an OE who really lives in the South, and is not only "legally" a Southerner. So I'm going to support Larry for the somewhat dubious honor of being the OE of this club.

Please bear in mind that my sole reason for doing this is regional chauvinism and that I hold nothing against our Elder Statesman.

I've recently begun to receive Ted Pauls' fanzine Kipple due to LessSample urging me to ask for some sample copies. From the few issues that I've seen so far, I get the impression that Pauls is an extremely intellignet person. (Maybe even nearly as bright as Buck Coulson.)

Pauls seems to have only one fault that shows up very much—he seems to be just a bit unwilling to look at the good side of an argument which opposes something he has said. However, I usually agree pretty much with his points, and this doesn't bother me very much. Whatever his state of reception to argument this is one of the most interesting fanzines that I have yet to come across.

You know, people, I've found that the chapest stencils around are about the best ones to use in this fanzine. I've tried several different kinds since I first joined SFPA. Heyer and A. B. Dick put out fairly good products but they were from 15¢ to 20¢ apiece, which is entirely too much to pay for them. Len Bailes was helpful when I told him how the price had gone up here in town and suggested that I try some Tower stencils from Sears. These only cost something less than 10¢ apiece and they give the best results that I've been able to get yet. They take typing beautifully and they stubbornly refuse to team in half when you're stencilling art like Heyers are proneto do. This has been an unpaid testimonial. ###

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FANED'S LAMENT

(Sung to "Flowing in the Wind")

How rany sheets can a mimeo spoil
Before Duplication begins
And how many times must my fingers turn black
To make me repent for my sins?

The answer, my fem, is lithe or print The answer is lithe or print.

When will my mad ever ink worth a damn I've asked BNF's to confer and why do the sines that I run on the thing Come out an unreadable blur?

The answer, imy fen, is litho or print.

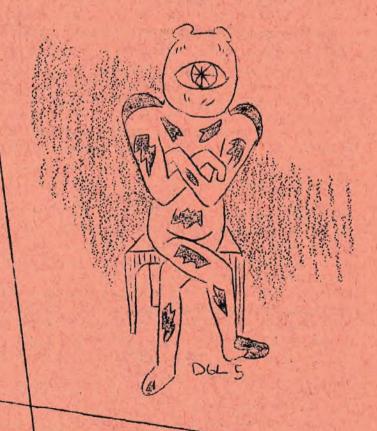
---Len Bailes

RUN, DRAGON

run, dragon, run be quick, hideous beast they are coming for you with spear and shield with sword and flame they come to slay you they would pierce you with lances and leave you Leave you to die gasping maning in the noon's heat it is sad, dragon, to die bleeding and hurtwhipped and beaten with no place left to run but sadder by far to die alone as alone as you are

min hard, creature, run hard

---Joe Staton



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"There is no very great danger of a rich man going to jail."

--- Clarence Darrow in Crime and Criminals

THE RIGHT TO READ

by Les Sample

"Although I do not with what you say, I will defend to the death your right to say it." --- Voltaire.

The most intolerant and most obnoxious of persons in the United States today are the self-righteous bulwarks of propriety who have chosen to defend the morals and decency of this country through the ignoble use of the sword of censorship, flailing mercilessly at all forms of literature that they suspect of bearing the slightest taint of corruption. Corruption is defined, in this instance, as anything which promotes or deals with any subject that the censors do not like--expecially sex.

Sex is the personal devil nearly all censors, and they are determined to rid the world's bookstores and newsstands, as well as all of the braries, both public and private, of all material that gives space to this unholy demon. The reason usually given by the ordent crusaders is that pornography (and in their eyes any book or magazine which deals with sex, even to the least extent, is frequently labelled as such) is a contributing factor to lawlessness; that reading about sex, or looking at photographs or drawings of nude or semi-nude women, corrupts The Youth of Our Country, and leads to an increase in juvenile delinquency and sex crimes. These allegations are completely unsubstantiated, despite any emotional outbursts to the contrary made by law enforcement officers and middle-aged harpies in various parts of the country. I repeat: there has never been any doormented study made that has shown any causal relationship between the reading of "pornography", and either the growth of juvenile delinquency or the commission of sex crimes.

As a matter of fact, there is a growing school of thought among psychologists and psychiatrists to the effect that pornography might actually have a

beneficial effect upon society as a whole; that persons who might otherwise become juvenile delinquents or sex offenders find a harmless of their anti-social tendencies and hostile emotions by reading such literature.

There is another reason to believe that the motives of the cersons are not so noble as they would have us to think. One of the primary that censors give for their actions is that they are trying to protect the young and the immature from exposure to morally objectionable influences. Oh, yeah? Observe the television: Every day scenes are projected into most of the households of the nations in which people are robbed, shot, stabbed, poisoned, strangled, and beaten. If little Johnny watches attentively, he may even pick up a few pointers on how to commit the perfect crime. Not only do parents not seem to find such things as these morally objectionable, but they absolutely glee at the prospect of plunking the kids down in front of the TV set for the evening; it keeps them out of mischief, and it does away with the necessity of calling in a babysitter. I have never heard of a censor who protested the existence of thes perpetuallcarnage on moral grounds =- as mediocre entertainment, yes, but not as a possible bad influence on youth. The same thing is true of newspapers -- they daily feature photographs and stories, complete with all the grisly details, of the latest rapes, murders, and somforth. The censor, oddly enough, does not protest the appearance of these things.

Having established the fact that the censors may be no more pure in heart than the rest of mus, the logical next step is to try to figure out just what in hell they really are up to. This is not as difficult to determine as it at first might seem. In every society there are people who believe that they have been given The Word, and it is their

solemn duty to see that everyone else accepts it, as well. There are also those people, I believe, who are of a naturally fascistic bent, who take their pleasure in being able to weild power for its own sake. And, finally, it is possible that there are a few misguided individuals of some intelligence are really sincere in their efforts to establish a better morality through These are the people who censorship. The Trae Be-Eric Hoffer has labelled lievers; the easily influenced, minded individuals who are forever lost without someone, anyone, to lead them; the people who cannot tolerate existence without a Cause to fight for; who need the self-assurance and sense of sell-being that they get from being anonymous cogs in the wheel of the mob, being carried along to new planes of vicarious existence on the shoulders of fanaticism and irresponsibility.

Since the U.S. Supreme Court has ruled that pornegraphy is not protected by the Constitutional guarantee of freedom of the press, pressure groups often use the charge of pornography as a ready excuse for banning books that they object to for entirely different reasons, usually religious or political. Occasionally, however, they do not even bother to use the pornography dodge, but openly advocate the banning of books for other reasons.

This is perhaps the best argument against censorship: Once it is allowed to become an unchallenged, fully accepted practice, where will intop? In Indiana, for example, a certain member of the Indiana State Textbook Commission has been trying for ten years to have have all material dealing with the legend of Robin Hood removed from Ust state's libraries. Reason: Robin and his Merry Men followed the straight Communist Party line". Yeah 🦇 and the Willard of Oz was a fascist. Speaking of The Wizard of Oz, that book was banned From school libraries in Miami, Florida, several years ago because; and this is a real croggler, it was deemed to be "too unrealistic." In the state of Georgia, a book designed to be read to children from the ages of three to five was banned because during the course of married a the story, a white rabbit

black one. The censors proclaimed that the book might provoke their chafflen to look favorably upon miscegenation.

victories in the Despite new courts in the last few yearsthefor the anti-censorship faction (Examples: Lclita, Lady Chatterley's Lover, Memoirs of Hecate County, Tropic of Cancer, Tropic of Capricorn, Fannie Hill, to Name just a few, have been declared non-pornographci, and all are now published in this country) the battle against censorship is far from won. Postal and Custom Inspectors are still allowed to seize shipments of books at the abritrary coprice of the individual. Censorship groups, when thwarted by the courts, oiten use extra-legal means to their ends, such as threats of economic boycotts, police harassment, and occasional threats of actual physical violence. There is evidence that such extra-legal censorship methods are being used here in Columbia. A thorough investigation on my part has led to the discovery that neither Tropic of Cancer nor Tropic of Capricorn can be pur chased in this city at any price. The 95¢ pb edition of Fannie Hill is available under the counter at one rice; but only if you are willing to pay Columbia just \$3.75. The people in will not stock these books, for any reason.

Even were it admitted that there is a need for censorship, most censors who are in the business today are incapable of judging the difference between a worthwhile book and one whose sole reason for existence is to arouse the purient interests of the reader. A ... long with such books as Office Orgy and Sex Kitten, the censors would also ban The Catcher in the Ryedand The Man With The Golden Arm; they would throw Mister Roberts on the same trash heap as Onsessed. The censor persecutes proforsional pornographer and Pulitzer Prime winner with equal vehemence. His ignorance is a weapon more to feared than a thousand gund; he and his comrades are a greater threat to freedom than army in the world. And so, I am convinced that the only same policy literary censorship is the one put Bertrand Russel: There should be no # # # censorship at all.

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DERMIN TO

By Joe Staton

Zelda Thoris rose from the soft pile of furs and creamy frabrics upon which she had been reclining and walked slowly across the room. At the other side, her husband, John Appelcart, the all-powerful Warmonger of Mars, was engaged in a game of Chetan, the Martian equivalent of earthly chess, with one of his trusted leiutenants.

"Ho, John Appelcart, you win a-gain!" cried Mars Markas, the Warmonger's foe in the friendly little game, which he had just allowed his commander to win due to the fact that John Rapelcart was known far and wide over the dead seas of the planet Mars for his uncontrollable temper.

"Yes, Mars Markas, I have won; you ame a fine fellow and I think a lot of you, but you are no Chetan palyer," said John Appelcart, not without just a slight arr of superciliousness. Mars Markas, however, took no offense, because in his mand he smirked at how he had pampered the Warmonger's ego.

The Small, delicate hand fof Zelda Thoris rested upon the Warmonger's shoulder lightly. He turned his face to that of Zelda Thoris.

"What is it, my princess?"

"Am I loosing my looks, John Appol cart?"

"Mo, of course not. What makes you think that, Zelda Thoris?"

"No horrible monster has attempted to kidnap me all week and I am beginning to become bored with life at the castle."

Before John Appelcart could answer, the inner doors of his sanctur were thrown open and in rushed a young beautiful girl.

"John Appelcart! John Appelcart!" she beseeched. With a swirl of his long, silken cape, he rose from the Chetan board and stood before the girl.

"Speak", he commanded.

"Oh, Warmonger, a horrible old monster is stomping around in front of the city and we are much afraid of it. We wish you to slay it and save us from an unspeakably horrible death."

"Are you sure that this monster is hostile? You Martians are always jumping to conclustions and thinking any animal you see is hostile."

"It ate twelve of your bravest warriors in one gulp. Oh please, oh please, John Appelcart, slay it for us!"

"That is still not suffice in a proof that the monster is hostile to use but I thinkI shall hack the thing to small, tiny pieces anyway, because I've not been in a fight to the death all day and I do not wish to get out of practice." He turned to the beautiful Zelda Thoris. "You canplay Chetan with Mars Markas while'I'm off slaying this monster."

With that, the Warmonger strapped on his heavy leather belt from which were suspended his weapons — a keen broadsword, his deadly radium pistol, his dagger, a grappling hook, and his trusty mace—and strode from the room with the girl. Zelda Thoris settled

down to a quiet game of Chetan with Wars Markas.

John Appelcart was led to the mates of the city, his capital city of where a most fearsome appaintion greated his startled eyes. Twelve feet . b at the shoulder and covered maked orange hair, the creature possessed of but one dark green eye in the center of its forehead. Its mouth was a gaping, inflamed orifice in the center of its malformed head. The beast tropped upon the ground with its eight feet, each of which was armed with four steel-like claws capable of tearing a mar to shreds. There could be no doubt now, this was the loathsome zukk. John Appareart hitched his leather belt little tighter and stood resolutely for a moment staring at the thing through the gates.

"Are you afraid, John Appelcart?" the girl asked.

"Throughout all history," he replied, no soldier has gone into battle without some trace of fear, no warrior has drawn his sword completely unafraid to answer your question, no, I, Jaha Appelcart, am not afraid of that



orrible creature, even though to face it would mean certain death."

"For anyone but John Appelcart," the girl said admiringly.

"Yes, to anyone but John Appel. cart," he replied confidently, and he creature walked out to meet the destroy it. He advanced with caution. though totally unafraid of the monster. He held his broadswrod lightly in his hand, ready for action. He knew he would have had less trouble if he would use the force of his radium pistol, but true to his sporting nature, he wanted the zukk to have at least half a chance. The zukk sighted him and lunged headhag snarling and snapping. The Warmonger stood his ground before the onslaugh' of the zukk, but suddenly at the last minute, he shifted to one side of the animal and sprang easily to its bicad back; his fingers closed on a hancial of the torange fur which covered the entire body of the zukk, and he held on. The beast tried to dislodge him, but the cunning of no mere monster was equal to that of the Warmonger of Mars. John Appelcart's sword gleamed in the sunlight and then struck home. Its heart punctured, the zukk nosed forward abruptly into the dust and died. The body of the zukk heaved convulsively and then lay still. The Warmonger rolled away from the still-warm mound of flesh and stood up, brushing the dust of combat his silken cape.

A throng of admiring and wor - shipful citizens poured from the gates of the city and bore him to their shoulders.

"Oh, John Appelcart," they shouted, "once again you have saved the city of Oxygen from disaster!"

He smiled beningly upon his subjects as they carried him triumphant ly to the door of his residence. They set him down easily and watched him as he walked into his home, thankful that they had such a champion as John Appelcart to protect them from the terross of their planet.

"Zelda Thoris!"he called, wishing to relate to her the story of his exploits of the morning. His Princes did not answer and the only sound he heard from his rooms was a low moan. He ran quickly to the room from which the moan originated, and there he found Mars



Markas spread-eagled on the floor with a huge gash on his forehead. He raised the head of the fallen warrior.

"Mars Markas, what has happened here?" he asked anxiously.

"Zelda Thoris has been abductedd by a band of Fishmen wearing clever plastic disguises. I defended her with all my might, but there were too many of them and I was overcome by sheer force of numbers."

"In what directiondid they go when they left, Mars Markas?"

"North." The fighting man of Mars gasped, and John Appelcart dropped his head abruptly, rushing off to rescue his beloved Princess from the hands of the insidious Fishmen. He hurriedly saddled his morat and set offin pursuit. A morat is a sleek, well-muscled animal with eight legs which serves as the major means of transporation on Mars.

The trail of the Fishmen was quite obvious to the perceptive faculities of John Appelcart and he followed it with no difficulity. Soon, however, he saw that the trail was leading him into the more treacherous mountains and away from the open plains. This caused no slackening of his speed as he guided the morat over the trail.

As he entered a small pass in the forbidding mountains, the realization

swept over John Appelcart that someone was watching his every move. He saw no one, but his instincts told this to him quite clearly. He wheeled the morat about only to find that his way was barred by a great many Fishmen. Turning about once more, he saw another of the hideous beings at the other end of the pass. He cursed himself for his stupidity in being lured into such an obvious trap, but he did not give up hope that he might fight his way out of this and still rescue his beloved Zelda Thoris. And so, with a wild war whoop, he spurred his morat forward into the masses of Fishmen in front of him.

"Zap! Zap! Zap!" he fired his radium pistol into the trong of bloodthirsty Fishmen killing a great many. He continued to fire until his pistol was exhausted of radium charges. They realized that he was out of ammunition, the Fishmen rushed upon John Appelcart intent upon ending his illustrious existence. He threw his pistol in their faces and, leaping from his morat, whipped out his trusty broad sword. Like the very personification of of the Grim Reaper himself, John Appelcart smote right and left with his unerring blade; the steel once gleaming sticky block was now covered with the of the inhuman band. Once more he drew the sword high for a death blow, but a blast from a radium pistol tore blade from the hilt. The Warmonger did not pause in his defense of himself to thank the kind Fate which had not made the blast two feet lower. The pressed in upon him forcing him back against the granite wall of the pass. He faced them with his mace in one hand and his grappling hook in the other. The huge numbers of the Fishmen would have in itself have forced another man to go down, but not John Appelcart as long as he could breathe, he could fight, and as long as he could fight he would live.

His grappling hook rose and fell five times and as many Fishmen died. Crippled by their huge losses, the Fishmen finally retreated from the field of battle. John Appelcart gave a small sigh of relief, then began to search through the bodies which lined the floord of the pass for his radium

pistol, which he soon found and reloaded. Among the dead, he found one Fishman still alive. He wondered at the strength of the creature that it had not died from one of the sledge-hammer blows he had dealt it and he raised his pistol to end the job, but suddenly he realized that the Fishman would be of more value alive than blown to bits.

Speaking in the intricate language of the Fishmen, John Appelcart questioned his prisoner as to the whereabouts of his beloved Zelda Thoris. The wounded creature revealed that the incomparable Princess of Oxygen had been taken on ahead by four of the band before the other 738 had attacked John Appelcart.

Hearing this news The Warmonger forged on ahead. He went afoot, as his morat had been hacked to pieces by the Fishmen in the heat of battle. He unhampered in his pursuit for more than two miles, but as he rounded a bend in the narrow trail, he was face -to -face with one of the most deadly creatures to be found upon the face of the planet Mars--the unutterably horrible axolotl! The beast was somewhat like an immense gorilla, twelve feet tall, with the exception that it had four arms and its forehead were three eyes. Had John Appelcart seen the axolotl in time, he could have easily avoided it, but so intent on the trail of the Fishmen who had stolen Zelda Thoris was he that the threat of the beast had escaped his notice. The axolotl carried a heavy club and now it raised this with the obvious intention of bashing John Appelcart 's brains out. The Warmonger barely managed to avoid a wicked slash by leaping to one side. Before the slow - witted creature could recover from the motion John Appel cart sprang to a perch the top of the thing's head. The club was brought down with great force where the Warmonger whould have been, but an instant before the blow had landed, he had jumped to the ground; and so, the axolotl smashed its own head in with terrible force. The immense horror tottered for an instant and then dynamited cliff, it fell forward and lay still.

monger set off once again in pursuit of the four Fishmen who held his beloved Zelda Thoris prisoner. The Martian night was descending on him but he could not hesitate in the hunt; he must press on.

Soon, he saw the dancing light

himself on his quick thinking, the War-

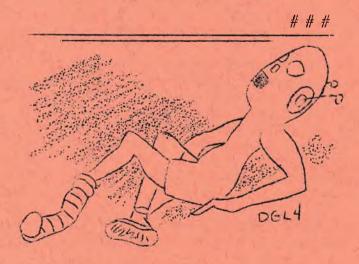
of a campfire. Slwly and cautiously he snaked his way forward until he had a good view of the fire and sure enough, he saw in its light, the four scally creatures and the Princess of Oxygen. The Warmonger was tired after his long day of battling horrible monsters, and he did not feel like a duel to the finish right then, so, from the concealment of a tree, he drew his radium pistol and calmly shot all four of Fishmen in the back. As the creatures crumpled to the ground, he slipped from behind the tree and approached his beloved Princess.

"Ho, beautiful Zelda Thoris, it is I, John Appelcart, who have fought my way across a savage world for you-and now I shall take you home!"

Over come by the tension and every thing, the Incomparable Princess of Oxygen fainted and collapsed into the waiting arms of the Warmonger.

John Appelcart threw her over his shoulder in a firemen's carry and started home. He had no worries that the way back to Oxygen would be safe since he had killed all the menaces.

. . . And besides, it was the end of the story.



Mot stopping to congratulate

THE INVADER ATTACKS (Mailing comments on the Lith SFPA) To e Staton

I was sort of disappointed at the pnny size of this mailing. Not that I expected another 339 page thing, but 200 at least. Oh well.

KABUMPO -- Cute cover that you have there, Dian. I'll bet that thing took quite a bit of work. I take it, though, that you have a Thing about elephants. // On the whole, I think this is the most attractive fanzine that I've ever seen. //About the

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bustlines of the Barsoomian females, there was a Leiber story once wherein the girl's breasts were actually instruments for ESPIng. Maybe it's something like that on Mars.

CANTICLES FROM LABOWITZ (Postmailed and not really a part of the mailing, I think.) I'm sorry that I had to drop you, Gary, but you must admit that your place had become rather unproductive.// On the subject of this Fandom Moeny, I've been taking a half-unit thing in school in Economics and I've really been croggled at the instances of inflation in the world's currencies, and I have something of an idea that this stuff would wind up in the same state as the German Marks. Mainly worthless.//All the dogs I ever heard went, "Rurf, rurf!"

WARLOCK---I still think Lamar Hollingsworth is a pen name.

LOKI——I don't think Ed Cox is exactly correct in his summation Diet Smith, as a Health—Wierdo—Who—Made—Good. Smith has always had ulcers (even back when B. OC Plenty was in China) and he has had to eat baby food and such to keep from irritating them. The only bona fide Health Wierdo I remember was George Ozone, who grt the Deep Six from Numbles' girl friend with a poisoned dart. We cannot let smears on the name of Diet Smith go unchallenged./What are the little numbers up at the the corners of the pages for?//Thankee for the True Revelations of Wife—Swapping in Wicked California. We know all about you evial people Out There.

DITGARD—Re that cover for STF: The big trouble with my doing artwork for fan - zines is that it may be long ages before the piece is printed after I send it in and in that time, my drawing style may change completely. Because I'm far from mature, it's just natural that my drawing style is something short of fixed. I think that the thanges are generally for the best, but when somebody prints an illo that's a year old, somebody else is certain to compare it with something more recent and say it's not the best I can do.//The whole idea of war atocities is relative. When the Germans first bombed Rotterdam near the beginning of the War, the Western world was uniformly shocked. Attacking civilians was considered the height of barbarism. But by the time of the Allied raids on Berlin, "area bombing" was apparently acceptable. Whether it was right or wrong I don't know.

SENTINGL—Well, you got it reproed so it could be read this time. Sort of blurry, but considerably better than I did for you.//About Williams' fiction, I so of get the impression that he wanted/to write a drity story, but to place it in a fenzire, he needed some sort of gimmick, so he used the old one of the machines that turns your mind on you. Neither the rape nor the stf angle were very original. However, I did like the Filler-Diller. Very funny.//Viscious should be coelled vicious, unless you're trying to spell viscous, which I sort of doubt.

ZAJE ZACULO --- Pock 'n' roll isn't music by any stretch of the imagination.

OUTVE---If you can't picture narrow-minded English teachers, you should attend my school sometime. Last year, my teacher was merely incompetent, but this time, I have a U. S. certified bigot, who is convinced the U. S. is presently being run by Communists. When we were watching the Inauguration on a portable teevee some-body had in the room, she told us with a perfectly straight face that Hubert Humphies has a Communist. She's also one of those characters who insists on us reading "classics". Sheesh.

STATIONG—Most of the writtenn material here is pretty good, but your layout was entirely too jumbled up and made it sort of hard to read. And the art was in insufficient quantity and was poorly stencilled. Asdie from those purely phayical points, I think this is a pretty good zine.//Roger Allan Cox did a very good job with the Vastari story. This Vastari opus is sort of amibtious; I sometimes wonder is he'll actually go all the way through with it.

SUCH AND SUCH---I dunno about Harvey. It seemed to me that if he hated sound so much he have just punctured his eardrums with a needle or something. Guess hewes Dense.

DAMN YANKEE --- Somebody recently told me that when you weren't mad, you were terribly dull. This ish of DY seems to prove it.//Don't wppry, though, we still love you, Arnie bhaby.

MANNDATE—Very good Dian cover.//I nearly forgot you in my comments and I had to corflu out a line I had already started up there just to get you in. Aren't you ashamed of yourself?//Why don't you steal one of the bombers at the base and get me and then we'll blast Los Angeles into submission until they surrender Dian to us (and Katya Hulan, too.)?

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"Some comic readers are fans, others are moderate readers, and only a few are indifferent or hostile to comics. A fan is not just an excessive reader of comics comic reading becomes an obsession with him. Maladjusted, neurotic, and psychologic children are likely to be excessive readers of comics."

--- Martin H. Neumeyer, JUVENILE DELINQUENCY IN MODERN SOCIETY

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