



WAIT A MINUTE

Hot dang, people! The ole SPPA has finally gotten itself a CONTESTED election for Official Editor. Seems like I stirred up a hornet's nest with WAIT & MINUTE! I was sincere in my reasons for pubbing it and dirty politics (as Staten accuses me) never entered my mind. One-shots and letters have been flying every which-a-way since then. The first thing to hit my mailbox was a postcard from our OE---Linda lost your temper didn't you Joe? The only thing in the postcard that I might agree with is your first sentence. I resent your calling Dr. Edwin Van Keuren an "Ethiopian lawyer". When the Official Editor and Dave Hulan obtain law degrees or consult another attorney, then I might be willing to listen to them on the validity of Dave running for OE

Talk about favoritism! I don't think Joe should have let either Dave or I take over as an emergency OE seeing as how both of us were running for the office. Just for the record, the Anniston Post Office WILL let me have the fourth class book rate.

By letter and visit, I've learned Al Andrews' attitude on the thing. He feels the flyer hurt me more than it helped me, perhaps he's right; but I pubbed it in the sincere feeling that Dave was violating the SPPA constitution---I still feel the same way, nobody has changed my mind. To the letter of the law---DAVE HULAN IS INELIGIBLE TO RUN FOR OR HOLD THE OFFICE OF OE! Al's contention was that I should have written both Joe and Dave before I pubbed my flyer. He's right, I should have; but I see know it wouldn't have done any good. Clearly the two clauses are in conflict and should be ammended properly.

And now to anser the "green monster from California": I don't care HOW southern your attitude is or can be, if you live on the west coast you can't promote SOUTHERN interest in the apa! Sure I want general fandom to recognize the SPPA, but I want SOUTHERN interest in the apa to be foremost. I was mistaken about your being a yankee who lived in the South for the first time when you were at Huntsville. I just assumed that and never asked anyone. I don't care if you had moved to Mongolia, if you had WANTED TO you could have found time to put something in the apa. Ittook you a WHOLE YEAR to get settled? Oh, come on now! As to why I didn't join the SPPA until the 9th Mailing: I was reading close to ten s-f genzines and all of Dick's SPPA

Mailings at the time you became the apa's second OE. I was deeply involved in the beginnings of comic fandom and planning to publish an amateur COMIC BOOK, not fanzine. Dale Christman of St. Petersburg, Florida was to be my artist and the stories of SHADOWMAN and the MIND were to be written by me and Paul Seydor. Well Dale was drafted into the Army and comic fandom suddenly began to bore me with its endless repetition and childishness. It was then I turned and left the fringes of s-f fandom, where I had been a year, and went into full-time with the publication of SPECTRE#1.

I repeat, I have nothing personal against Dave and hope he will make it to the DEEP SOUTH CON III this summer. And like Dave whether I am elected OE or not, I still plan to put my best fannish efforts into the SPPA.

I don't care what our Official Editor said in POINT OF ORDER!, he's just giving his opinion without any substantiation of any kind. My opinion is backed by legal counsel. Dr. Van Keurenis hardly a typical southern lawyer. He put in thirty years in the U.S. Army and retired a full Colonel. Until he started teaching at Jacksonville State College he had never been south of the Mason-Dixon line. I resent both Staton and Hulan's criticism of a fine college instructor who took twenty minutes of his free time to listen to me and then give an UNBIASED opinion.

According to our constitution our OE has the authority to allow Dave to run and there doesn't seem to be much else I can do about it. But I do think our OE should have consulted someone with a little more knowledge of such matters. The OE's ruling that Dave Hulan can run is valid---but I sure as hell disagree with it!

It all boils down, now, to whether you want a SOUTHERN Official Editor or one several thousand miles away (which will involve more postage cost and more time for the mailings in transit) in California. But whoever you vote for VOTE!!! For once fellow members, let's make this election 100% in participation so everyone can have his view expressed.

LARRY MONTGOMERY FOR OE OF SPPA!!

As a result of my visit to Al Andrews' during Easter Vacation and talking to Dick Ambrose I regret to announce that due to mundane pressure Dick is dropping out of fandom, quitting the SPPA, and turning over the co-editorship of ISCARIOT to Bill Petit of Atlanta. Bill's a fine guy and under him I feel sure ISCARIOT will continue to be the SPPA's best fanzine.

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