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This issue is number 12 (of Volume II) and is intended primarily for *Frefanzine 4* (July 2, 1976) and *CarbAPA 4* (July 8, 1976). Special Greeting to Westercondom! Next issue: Back into the dungeon for *A&E 13*.

FREFANAC

Activity for frefen seems at ebb at the moment, with one exception. Abby is Faffia in Florida (that sounds like a great headline) and I hear next to naught from Jerry in Hawaii. Bonnie is doing minac in Chicago and even SFALB has been skipping meetings in Long Beach. However, joint frefan-other meets are taking up the slack at the Anarchovillage, the latest being a joint Mythopoeic Society/Frefan meeting on *Black Easter*. Another one is popping up in August, week after Mythcon and week before Worldcon, only at Thornton's Anarchovillage apartment rather than mine.

The one exception that I mentioned earlier is the beginning of yet another APA. *CarbAPA* is the brainchild of trufan Filthy Pierre, but is a split-off from the non-SF APA *Libertarian Connection*. Filthy Pierre is OE, and the rules are to send him 20 carbon copies (use "Copy Sets" which are wafer-thin carbon-and-paper sheets stuck together, which, believe it or not, you can actually get 20 in your typewriter at once) before the second Thursday of the month. Address is Erwin S. Strauss, 9909 Goodluck Road, T2, Lanham, MD 20801. Enclose a S.A.S.E.

Three issues are out so far, with Filthy and Jim Stumm appearing in all, and my last *CE!* for *Frefanzine 3* (#9), being reprinted for inclusion in one (#2). I'm sending twenty copies of this to Filthy as well. I actually bought the copysettes and am typing out pages of comments for an upcoming diety.

What's under discussion? Well, there are some issues being rehashed, such as private protection agencies, how selfish is egoism and so on, and one issue you don't see enough of, private ownership of nuclear weaponry. I am intrigued enough to get involved.

Most pleasing to me is the level of activity. I actually have some locs for a change, and I owe it all to exposure in *CarbAPA*. So I am finally beginning my letters-of-comment section in *Clear Ether!* Thanks to Filthy and the whole *CarbAPA* crew.

Why not send Filthy a Self Addressed Stamped Envelope for a sample of *CarbAPA* today? I'll even help. If you send me 50¢, I'll mail you, in a large envelope unfolded, 25 copysettes. (Nothing tastier than charcoal-broiled...er, "carbon" APA-zines, yum, yum!)

Oh yes, any copysettes I do for *CarbAPA* will be titled "Carbonated Clear Ether" and will NOT be available to my mailing list because of reproduction restrictions. And now, on to the mail!

IT ACTUALLY MADE IT THROUGH THE MAIL! (Apologies to Ned Brooks)

This section is not to be confused with the one following. "It Actually..." is for locs; "En Garde At The Riposte Office" is for APA comments. OK, let's begin with a loc from a fan who's doing research on APAs, and noticed *CE!9* listing three APAs on its masthead he never heard of.

I have been disappointed with the Hugo and Nebula awards of late. There was nothing that could justify Clarke winning with Rendezvous With Rama and his typical twist-ending-that-is-too-cute-for-words over Heinlein's Time Enough For Love. I didn't read Anderson's book that year.

I don't think the WorldCon committee was worried about all fringe-fans as much as they were worried about one large subdivision: Trekkies. Fearing an invasion by these beasties who think Star Trek is the end-all and be-all of sf, they assumed all trufen would get memberships when the price was around \$10 rather than hear about it at the last minute and hop on up to buy tickets at the door. I don't know if this strategy will work or not. I will not be going because I will be back in school by then. I wish I was: Heinlein is my favorite author.

From your zine it appears that you own or have access to some sort of typesetter or composer. It looks very professional and makes me insanely jealous. All I have is an SCM electric portable, which happens to be sporting a magenta ribbon at the moment. Sigh.

Thanks again for your time.

Best,
Andrew Sigel

P.S. The next issue of SotM comes out in July. You will be receiving a copy in return for the information.

*SotM is South of the Moon and is Sigel's new APA catalog. I couldn't agree more with you, Andrew, about Clarke winning over Heinlein at DisCon and my boos at the announcement were properly lusty. But do check out Anderson, especially *Fire Time* and *Winter of the World*. Purging Trekkies don't bother me ("it's not as if they're people") but one does have to wonder where it will all end. Pricing is actually non-discriminatory and I have no complaints about MidAmeriCon policies so far. (But then I registered in DC in '73, heh, heh!) Yes, I have a Mergenthaler Linocomp, and if I couldn't make some of you envious, I'd go back to ditto. But I might be willing to set a colophon for you and a few others at a time... Keep in touch!*

—SEK3

* searching noises *

Aargh! I had a three page letter from Ron Chusid to put here but it's gone! Gone, do you hear? I remember now, I had it on the bus, lying on my lap as I was writing a reply and... it must still be there. On the State-run "RTD"! Once again, the never-to-be-sufficiently-damned State thwarts the wondrous plans of entrepreneurs for the betterment of their lot and that of society!

* weep, wail, gnash teeth *

*Oh well, it was a great letter, and I had such a dynamite reply ready. Think what I'll do is make up the difference by running comments on the last *CarbAPA* and the last *Frefanzine*.*

EN GARDE AT THE RIPOSTE OFFICE Frefanzine 3

Cover Well, you're no Steve and Sandy McIntosh, but not bad kid, not bad. (Yes, you can have a shot at the cover art for "Captain Anarchy and Freeboy Meet Trad Man and The Scarlet Statist"!)

ToC You left the number of *CE!* off, Ken. *ah, a nit...pick* It was number 9, folks.

Victor Koman Well, your stencil didn't rip but there is a wrinkle on the upper right-hand corner... ¶ Yes, I know what you're talking about. Be thankful THEY don't. ¶ It's amazing how the rest of your zine is entirely out-of-date. You bought what you were thinking of, you quit what you were working at, and you even moved! ¶ Call me up when you have the other four submissions to APA-Gun and I'll fill your quota. (This is called an "option.") ¶ You gaffated in June, s per your plan. In fact, I'll bet you didn't make this diety. ¶ Move out into the real world? *snicker* What makes that world real and this one false? How do you know what you are perceiving is real? Hmm? (Heh, heh, heh...) ¶ More Ka-blam balloons! Ook!

Sandy ("The Pseudo-Pole") Sierakovskaja What? You'd unleash D&D among these innocents? You're right. I got to admit, you're

the worse junkie. You're even drive to addict others. ¶ I don't buy the term "psychological coercion." The process you are discussing is called "inhibition," and I'll keep mine, thank you. ¶ But it is not only *women* who would feel embarrassed or "guilty" about it. In fact, men *in general* tend to be more inhibited on the nudity taboo. So why is it a concern for feminism? ¶ Ah, at last an anti-Equicon report!

Ken Gregg Oh, out-of-date material again! Did I tell you that I told the Libertarian Supper Club that you and Sheila were so overcome by the previous meeting that you rushed home and increased our ranks by one. Big Applause. And speaking of anarchobabies, the latest I heard of (though may be older than Jamie) is Benjamin Tucker Geislinger, provided courtesy of Jane Talisman and Eric Geislinger. ¶ I find it difficult to plan a home birth. But I'm with you in spirit... ¶ What does "baybay" mean and why use the term if it means what I think it means. ¶ Is Nichols for or against Romanticism?

Bob Cohen Lot of word games going on. How do "consciousness" and "mind" differ from "ego"? ¶ Why is distinguishing right from wrong a "game"? Is a game "serious"? If you are now to say "good" is not good, welcome to Cloud Cuckooland. ¶ If you really are doing things you could not before SLS, then good for you! But that still makes the place at best a giant placebo.

Josephine Aujourdhui A classic! ¶ I for one am not that crazy about this particular anarchy. Sure it's better than what we got now, but this anti-capital accumulation bugs me. Notice the concomitant lack of technology such as space travel.



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Filthy Pierre Well, if your petty plundering of office supplies is permitted by "egoism," guess I'll look for another title. I am a strict proprietarian, from which I derive an egoist position. If anybody's really interested, I will expend a few pages next ish on it. Otherwise, just leave it at calling me a "post-Stirner proprietarian."

Lysander Well, I don't see his point about weaponry of any kind making government obsolete. I don't care if you have arquebuses or guided missiles in your basement, the state exists by the will (negation of it, actually) of large numbers of a society. It must be destroyed conceptually ("exorcised" is a good way of thinking about it) and the alternatives sold on the market. Then the weaponry can tie-up the loose ends. ¶ You could nuke the District of Columbia without destruction of a moral person, but no other city. And if I'm around when you try such terrorism, count me out. In fact, I'll probably not turn my back on you. ¶ Yes, I can support assassins. ¶ I'm against bluffing. I follow through on what I promise; it's a good habit to get into. ¶ What a hokey *nom-de-plume!* (No insult intended; merely that it's been used ten or fifteen times already.)

Jim Stumm You paid seven cents less than I did, not counting State Theft... wait a minute. You're *including* State Theft? Guess I'll start using Copysettes next ish. I tried one page and the second ten copies are unreadable. ¶ I'd be for reduction to ten, but at 15... well, might as well go 20 for a double typing. In fact, I think I'd stick to offset then and simply pay for my added weight and screw this whole carbon paper *shtick*. ¶ Haven't you heard Mises on the utility of margins...? ¶ Actually, the original frequency justified the carbon sets; now that it's monthly, I feel less desirous to do that quickie typing. ¶ I'm coming in late here, but why do you define egoists as those who do not accept the non-coercion principle (among other things of course)? The difference between an egoist and non-egoist (in terms I am familiar with) is that an egoist will *accept* a principle, while a non-egoist will acquiesce or be duped or bullied into taking it. That is, it becomes the egoists *own*; he "buys" it. I assume we both find "philosophical egoist" (met one last week) reprehensible?

Filthy Pierre You're right about the Gandhi technique. I've argued it with LeFevre. I think a most telling point against it is that even with all the enthusiastic disciples LeFevre's got, none have got together to do it. ¶ I do not see why you insist on an "Independent Libertarian Community" external to our Society. I think an "Imbedded Libertarian Society" is much more practical and already beginning its operation. But I don't care, good luck with your emigration, and keep the trade routes open, good buddy! ¶ I've enclosed in my mailing to you an NLW which both reviews your position here and has a news article which had just broke on the *already existing* black market in plutonium. I think that whole debate in CarbAPA must now move from the hypothetical to "what do we do now"? ¶ Frankly, Filthy, if I really thought you'd push the button to incinerate a cityful of mostly innocent people every day, I wouldn't be corresponding with you. I'd withdraw my contribution to your protection in the libertarian society and let the statist have you. I suppose you have to bring up the logical end of this "counter-terrorism" for the full scenario. ¶ I don't see how coercion and egoism (either for or against) are directly related. One needs a proprietarian or other "correspondence principle"—what's good for the class Ego and Own is good for *my* ego and own—to develop libertarianism from egoism. Many egoists have a spook in their head about not accepting any principles because they *may* become spooks. *C'est la vie*. ¶ I hope I never have the stomach for nuking the innocent.

Albert the Unknown You know cartography? I wonder how much money you could make doing finished maps for fantasy war-gamers (such as *Dungeons & Dragons*)? ¶ The "Canadian Sears"? You mean Simpson-Sears? They're called "Simpson's" for short, not "Sears." ¶ 5 or 6 is definitely too small. I'd want ten to keep up my interest and even then... ¶ Maybe you could start another set-up which *is* a multi-dimensional correspondence. Then, being editor, you could decide whether or not you want instant answering. Filthy has the potential in CarbAPA as I have in NLW. ¶ On prognostication: check your premises on World Capital Consumption. Only that of the middle-class capitalists without political friends whose assets are on white market-exposed basis are vulnerable. The Higher Circles are well protected, and the Counter-Economists have to be discovered and caught. Note that the Soviet Union's capital is almost *entirely* in the latter two categories. ¶ I expect the event to trigger off a revolution that will be either pro- or anti-libertarian (depending on who has better salesmanship) will be the coming Crack-Up Boom. ¶ You and Jim are both wrong on Protection Agency morality if you don't believe reputation is a marketable commodity. On the other hand, the fall of FDA/FTC/etc. will hopefully restore a goodly amount of gold-coin biting skepticism. ¶ Give or take beclouding semantics, I think we are in agreement on combining egoism and "stringent morality."

Filthy Pierre We're now both aware why "SEK3 hasn't sent in anything." ¶ Say, you're familiar with Canadian nomenclature! Want to try translating the following into American: "beer parlor," "newfie," "eh," "potato chips" (careful!), "chinook" (weather), and "back bacon"? ¶ Want to debate Independent Libertarian Communities vs Imbedded Libertarian Society concepts? Say yes in your immediate responses thish, and I'll send in a one-page outline of the ILS. Play fair and write up your own ILC page before you get mine. Then we can back-pedal or rebut. Finally, if it looks like it's worth it, we can run the whole thing in NLW and I'll pay you for your share of the wordage. ¶ I, on the other hand, *am* spending full time on building the New Libertarian Society (=ILS mentioned earlier). But, a *chacun son gout*. ¶ I agree with the rest of your statements, but I'm not clear if you are ending up for a pure restitution system, or you still want to add "punishment." And you seem to be talking about libertarian societal justice and then later on about our present statist societal set-up. In case you haven't read me on it before, I support *full restitution* (like a *dressed propagator*, physics/chemistry fans!): market value of loss + (interest rate × time elapsed before apprehension and restitution is made) + market cost of apprehension and arbitration. Anything more is a new ripoff. Yes, dammit, criminals have rights—all the property they have not forfeited to pay for what they destroyed.

And on that happy note, I'll cut it off, paste it up, and get this zine to the printers before all the deadlines fly by. Don't take any wooden TANSTAAFLs!

—SEK3