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NOTICE TO LASFAPANS ABOUT APA-NU

Some amends have been made and communication restored (at least for now). There seems to be an equal culpability on the part of the OE, the P.O., and me. I've solved my problem, the O.E. says she solved hers, and nobody can save the State Postal Monopoly. So here's the address, for those of you (APA-junkies, APA-sluts?) who asked me for it before:

New York University Science Fiction Society
21 Washington Place, Room 613
New York, NY 10003

Copy count is 75 and collation seems to have been moved to last Thursdays (NYUSFS meeting day) in the month. That too may change. April ish is #25.

NOTICE TO FREFEN

This will be the last zine I will run in combination for *Frefanzine* and non-libertarian APAs. Next disty I expect to have "Frefanac" back, with our plans for Worldcon (a Frefan Suite!), a dissection of L. Ron Hubbard, and, if Lee has gone after Von Mises this collation, a defense of the greatest mind of the twentieth century. And it will be *exclusive* to *Frefanzine!*

Special Note to Lee Gold A couple of things I need to know before we tackle Scientology. First, I need some hard data on whether or not "clearing" actually accomplishes anything. Specifically, have either you or Barry witnessed auditing first hand? Can you give me some details? Secondly, are we going to restrict our discussion to *Science of Survival* material only? If we argue the theory (which is not covered in *SoS*), looks like I'll have to tackle *Dianetics* to give him a fair hearing.

EN GARDE AT THE RIPOSTE OFFICE

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Cover Who is A. Curtis? What is this "© Copyright 1977" crap on an APA-cover? Bring back Grimshaw!

Myself Nothing to add except that I still have not received a copy of that disty (*APA-v* 22)—whoops, I just checked the mail today (March 30) and a copy arrived, numbered 43. What happened to my number one?

Richard Friedman How could *Norstrilia* have been eligible for a Hugo? ¶ Sorry to pick nits this disty, but I can't believe *Three Hearts and Three Lions* was in an *F&SF* along with a serial as well. Did it have a shorter version? ¶ Name five serials in *If? Farnham's Freehold*, *Moon is a Harsh Mistress*, *Faust Aleph-Null*, *The Day After Judgement* (well, OK, the latter was after Pohl), *Whipping Star* and, er, ah . . . ¶ How can "psychological damage" result in happiness? Check your premises.

¶ *Thanks for a comment and I will not mail Book Rate. Last CE!* was sent First Class; this will probably go parcel or whatever.

Jeff Grimshaw Jesus Christ on a Criss-Cross! How much time did you put in this thing? *Hand*-lettering. You have got, I see, a lot of styles. I like your "David Burd" work best, but then I've got a thing for realism. ¶ My offer still goes to pay you \$5/strip, and I'll run them weekly if they're libertarian enough to satisfy my readers. If you could whip out four or five an hour, it might even be profitable for you. Uh, by the way, you *did* see that *CE!* in which I made the comment to you? If not, then let me know and I'll send you a personal copy. ¶ First time I've seen you write. You're multi-media, kid! Short stories, readable poems, rock lyrics, cartoons, satire . . . now if only you had a good dose of Romanticism. ¶ So I finally get to see "Brain Suckers from Mars," in a matter of speaking. *yawn* Uh, very well done.

Marc S. Glasser How about filk lyrics from *South Pacific*: "I'm gonna wash that wish right out of my zine . . ." ¶ Ferdinand Filkhoot—yecch! Very well written but weak punchline. ¶ On ToC's: You type and run them off *during* collation. Of course, you must have a typewriter and reproduction device on hand. ¶ You ask Andy what's the difference between *LASFAPA* and *APA-L*? How about "Night and Day"? (*APA-L* is a weekly, very clubbish APA; *LASFAPA* is monthly, more cosmopolitan—and has me!) ¶ Depends how you define "L.A." Other fan groups in the region are SFALB, Mythopeic Society, American Tolkien Society (Westmarch), and, loosely, Southern California C.S. Lewis Society. Andy may think of more. And, of course, *Frefen!*

Maria C. Markham Personally, I couldn't care less if you respond to my comments in print. But you (or someone else) sure better get it together on the mailings—and I mean on a sustained basis. The first thing would be to clean out your mailing list. For example, I am receiving zines for several people at the NLE box whom I sure wouldn't send APA-NYUs to. Cut everybody off but me—and make sure that mine gets mailed right away. (I get my copy a week after Neil and Charles—who have never contributed to *APA-v*—received theirs in the same box!) Vic Koman might be worth keeping on—send his to Box 94, Long Beach, CA 90801. And finally, I was sent #2 of disty 23 (which is better than not getting any). So, who's the new Number One? (Reminder: since I brought the idea of *APA-nu* to NYUSFS, and gave it the "three-in-one" name, I was accorded #1 as long as numbered copies were made.) ¶ For mailing costs, how about a self-addressed stamped envelope?

Frederic M. Mazursky Now, how did you know I was finally going to make that disty? (**dark thoughts of conspiracy**) ¶ Thanks for going to all the trouble to talk to me (BNFs need egoboo, too). One of these days I'll swallow my disgust at the Big Sewer and hold my nose and drop in (probably during a con). But then again, maybe I'll see you all at SunCon and save myself the trauma. ¶ You still have Vegetarian Fan troubles in NYUSFS? And Sheldon's been gone longer than us. ¶ Clearly, it's neither green algae or Lime Jello—it's Green

Slime! Make your Saving Throw! ¶ But what about the protein and vitamin content of each wad?

D.F. Lieberman/James W. Fry Two of you? Collectivists. ¶ "Did you know that Libertarians are advocating T.M.I.A.H.M.?" No, but get Marc to strum a few bars and I'll filk it anyway.

Lee Ann Goldstein I don't know how many of the comments I've written to you you've seen, but you're peripherally part of a fannish gag out here. See, we have a SFALB femfan named Lee Ann Klingstein Gold (wife of Barry Gold, and BNF in her own right). Being ten years or so your senior, she wants her unique name back! My (off-beat) suggestion is for the good of all fandom, you should marry a Kling (marriage of convenience, of course) so that you would be a precise permutation of Our Lee's name and really blow everyone's mind. O, the Discord to be sown! It turns out that (our) Lee has relatives with the surname of Kling, so if you'd be interested in a match . . .

¶ Glad to see old friend Cyndi in APA-NYU again, even if as a loc to you. (But does her husband know?) ¶ Don't worry about apathy; NYUSFS never had more than 50% of the members in APA-v at any time. I think we had a higher percentage in the Dip-game. ¶ I gave my opinion on your Vampire Ookpik, but it probably was lost before collation. ¶ In fifteen, twenty years, chastity will be "hip" again. Look at the issue before last of *Majority Report*. It may become the next big issue for Women's Lib. ("Sex is Sexist!") ¶ Would you be interested in doing some fillos for *CE!*, or do you wish to monopolize your own art? ¶ *The Black Star Passes* was the first of Campbell's Smith-imitations, but still pretty good. See if you can get the two sequels. I read *Invaders from the Infinite* a long time ago, but it impressed well.

Paul Proch Suddenly fanartists are crawling out like Anarchoslum cockroaches! Where were you all when I needed you?

Harry Warner Jr. You were easy on Vonnegut, if anything.

Ken Gale I'm a comic reader, but an SF fan myself. Been reading them picture books since 1950 (around 3 years old) to 1962; came back around 1971. Make mine Marvel. ¶ Comic APAs? What's the San Diego Con like? Thinking of going this year. I have a friend, artist at Gold Key, named Bernie Zuber, who usually goes and I can catch a ride with him (and his lovely wife Teny).

Fred Kuhn What internal struggles have taken WBAI-FM off the air? And who took over the frequency? William Buckley? Wait a minute, there's a staff union? I thought those people believed in free broadcasting?

LASFAPA 6

Cover I keep looking at it. Must be good.

Sarah Prince Nobody in that drawing looks at all familiar. ¶ Pleasure collating with you. Any time. My place or yours.

Steve Tymon "Christiana Free City is an anarchist state."? Check your premises. ¶ Best way to get rid of the statist speed limit is to take roads out of the hands of the State. And if you gave lawyers a government salary, then they'd work for the government, not for you in your defense. Do you ever think through your political comments or do you just shoot from the hip to start "controversy"? ¶ Libertarianism is very precisely defined. There's just a lot of deviationists. Difference twixt us and the socialists is that we neither shoot nor purge deviationists. ¶ Sorry. I never write to state representatives. I save my prose for fans and others worthy of my

reasoning (and who can understand words of more than one syllable).

rita prince winston So that's what happened at Boskone. Con report appreciated. You seem to have the capacity to enjoy life. ¶ Your "Biological Revolution" professor told you a pile of nonsense about Social Darwinists. And what's "dirty" about "utterly laissez-faire capitalism"? I hope your "I love my Biological Revolution class" was meant in irony. Unless you love vicious lies. ¶ Best definition and explication of Romanticism I have found so far is *Romantic Manifesto* by Ayn Rand. And if you believe in all those things that you claim to in your comment to me, lucky you're 3000 miles away or I'd probably fall in love with you. Clear ether, kid! ¶ NLWs are 30¢ each, except special SF (Worldcon) issue, which is 60¢. There are about seventy out by the time you read this.

Nate Bucklin I guess if Minnesota is where your heart is, then Bon Voyage! But the place didn't impress me when I visited in from my base in Madison. Then again, I didn't know any Minnesota fandom, either. ¶ Yes, I too rejected the *Inverted World* ending, but I'm not sure yours would hold up either. Oh, and agree on hard science, too. (But I dig fantasy in its own ghetto . . . er, genre, also.)

Victor Koman I haven't seen much of you recently so your zine should seem fresh and original this time. ¶ "dwp's"? ¶ I forgot what a good sense of humour you have. I actually broke up a couple of times reading your zine. And some excellent analysis which you are willing to take the time to do (and to take the flak you'll get). ¶ I have it on good authority that Niven did do APA-zines. ¶ "Meso" is not bad. Shall we popularize it? ¶ Egoboo always appreciated. Go forth, my son, and may your Ether ever be Clear . . .

Alan Prince Winston Egoboo appreciated. ¶ Reread if you must, laissez faire. But perhaps we read for different types of input. ¶ I have read "The Ones Who Walk Away from Omelas" and was revolted. I heard Harlan read "The Whimper of Whipped Dogs" and was nauseated. And why do you assume heros aren't people? They're my kind of people. You seem to have a different "sense of life" than your sister. But then my little brother is quite different from me as well. So much for the genetic theory of literature appreciation.

Tim Kyger You like New York? How long did you actually live there? (I blew five years there—consider it "missionary work" for the movement.) ¶ Present "corporate liberal" industry is not where to look for space ventures. But there are entrepreneurs in the field already, and not all of them are crackpots. I don't take Leary's venture too seriously, but he will build up popular support which may aid those competent enough to pull it off but who are lousy at PR. One libertarian space group even advertises in the *Reason* classifieds. And I would like to see NASA abolished. ¶ Thanks for the egoboo on layout, but I would have been much more interested in what you thought of Romanticism. And you don't do badly for the equipment you have.

Celia Chapman Egoboo always appreciated (seems I've said that before somewhere). ¶ Probability of mostly good things happening to you is finite; ascribing it to genes doesn't make sense. By definition, "luck" is externally caused. Genes only control internal causes. ¶ Yes, at New York C.S. Lewis Society meetings, attempts were made to explain Charles Williams. Remember he is a Christian; remember that he is an occult fan; remember that Anglican Christianity frowns on occult and magic;

finally, Williams is incredibly imaginative at attempts to get by the restriction. Note, however, that his endings always trash the magicians. (Just like the old movie code and bad guys getting their due.) Williams influenced Lewis a lot; read *That Hideous Strength*, written just after Williams died, after any of Williams' thrillers and see what I mean.

Carol Sather *The Fabulous Furry Freak Brothers* are collected in three comic books, available at Wonderworld in Long Beach (I think they take mail orders). *Fat Freddy's Cat* has two books of collections out now too. The strip appears occasionally in a porno paper called the *Sun* in Los Angeles area. Or you could order direct from Rip Off Press, P.O. Box 14158, San Francisco, CA 94114.

The Thornton Some of your typos are actually humorous, e.g. "wadded onwards to the end." And why is that not "As The Spirit Moves Me #2"? ¶ Humorous comment indeed. No, that certainly is not Romanticism, but a superb satire of the decadents. Or maybe not such a satire after all. ¶ No, it's more than struggle. It also includes the rejection of Malevolent Universe nonsense. Or maybe you just said that too. Anyways, "Egoboo Is Always Appreciate" (EIAA?).

Tom Digby Another idea worth money. Do you ever try to sell them?

Mike Moslow Suppose Abbott and Costello did meet Dorian Hawkmoon. They'd probably end up in a dungeon. Rack and Runestaff. ¶ You're so lovable and non-controversial this issue, I can't find anything to comment on. Ah, here's something: you found me in the gutter? Well, it wasn't the *best* Philcon I have been to, but really . . .

David Schlosser I may have *Avengers 108* but I'll be damned if I dig through the box. Drop over to a SFALB event at my place sometime, and if you can find it, you can have it. ¶ No, that was not my picture, can't you see? I'm not bionic. (And much better looking, of course.)

Cyndi Warren-Moslow Remember, now, you promised better repro thish. ¶ "Loose fanzines" go with tight pussy and a warm Con to bullshit . . . ¶ I would never cast off Lynne Holdom. ¶ I finally got my *APA-nu*. All Fandom is Not (yet) Plunged Into War. ¶ Great sketch—I loved the hands especially.

Dennis Jarog Ever met *frefemfan* Bonnie Kaplan, also of Chicago? Great kid, but I'll never get her in an *APA*. (Or a *Worldcon* again.)

Marty Massoglia Remind me to tell Rich Friedman that you're in *LASFAPA* now. Maybe he'll finally join. ¶ Jeez, would I disagree with your list. But I'm glad you saw merit in *Time Enough For Love*.

Lee Gold Sorry you are leaving. I promise to always write you long, in-depth comments especially for you. ¶ Von Mises explicitly does not purport to analyse the psychology of human beings. Surely you've read enough by now to understand the delimitation of praxeology. And "the technology of Soviet Russia utilizes without scruple all the results of bourgeois physics, chemistry and biology just as if they were valid for all classes" is a correct statement. Lysenkoism was one attempt to go "beyond" present-day science; furthermore, it did not challenge the "class-base" of science. Lysenko was applying *Hegelianism* to biology (thesis-antithesis/synthesis), not Marxism. Nor would Mises consider Lysenkoism to be a result of polylogism but of other errors. Really, Lee, that was unfair. I intend to be a lot more scrupulous when I

eviscerate Hubbard. ¶ Yes, I was listening and I love the Undershaft Code: Neutral/Good, as I said before to Rita. ¶ See you in *Frefanzine*!

Bruce Pelz Well, I will concede there has been an increase in neos since I wrote those remarks. But I think we're still mostly "mesos" (to use Vic Koman's happy neologism). ¶ I had no idea you were in the Fantasy Association (in your remark to Cyndi) and I am myself a member of the New York and Southern California C.S. Lewis Society, American Tolkien Society, and a fellow traveller of the Mythopoeic Society. But does the Association do anything but publish *Fantasiae*? I have yet to hear of a meeting or party. ¶ I am interested in joining a Bruce Pelz APA, but I have a "threshold" problem: . . . Either I run through extra copies of my present *Clear Ether/s* or find a mimeo/ditto and do masters on the cheap for such a small copy count. No in-between for me, I'm afraid. I might be able to do 10-15 via carbons on "copysettes," if that's enough.

Harry J.N. Andruschak You mean you committed naughty acts with a JPL secretary to get that cover? ¶ . . . large number of very good fan artists here in LASFS." Where are they? Ghu, I'd be willing to let them do naughty things with my body for some art. (Or even give them money.) ¶ Love your *APA* catalog/critique, even though I might not agree if I knew any of them personally. You are right about being down on *APA-nu*, for instance, but haven't got it straight yet what's wrong. (Just as well . . .) ¶ I beg your pardon? What was that about the manners of tobacco smokers? *puff, puff, puff* I for one am getting quite annoyed at the fledgling prohibitions around bugging us pipe-smokers. Ant who are bothered by my smoke can withdraw from my company with no feeling of loss (either way, I should think), as I have no liking for social fascists. If you don't like Marty, and you don't like tobacco, it is still a voodoo mentality to associate them. Do you think Larry Niven (one of *US*) lacks manners? Can I pass that along to him? ¶ That's *cholera*. ¶ One more time: *APA-nu* never had more than half libertarians, and the present OE is not one (as far as I know) and I'm having problems with it as well. (Hell, you've got more *frefen* in *LASFAPA* at present.)

Kay Jones Well, *Frefanzine* currently has no feuds. Want to start one? ¶ Ah, you're the first person who actually knew the full, proper name of Los Angeles. Congratulations. ¶ I've done the spell casting bit on lights myself, but only as a pedestrian. (Pedestrian: new character class, based on Constitution, with low Gold roll . . .) ¶ First level *Wargrypt* is ready. Started first run at Tolkien picnic. ¶ How are you doing on the *Illuminatus* trilogy? ¶ I'm sure Rita thanks you for saving her reputation; you are a scholar and a gentlewoman. I hereby grant you an Official Exemption from the "Lust Crazy SFALB Femfans."

Dan Goodman Liberty makes no sense without property. With *what* are you free to act? Your body is property; so is your clothing; your sustenance; your SF collection; and so on. But again, this discussion probably belongs in *Frefanzine*. Z¶ Hell, the Trots have convinced me they are not CP by their vociferous denunciations—and also by their actions (they're nowhere near as competent at taking and holding power, and that goes for dozens of examples I know of). I despise Trotskyism for itself, not for association of their position with other Marxist groups. So attack me for what I believe in—not what someone trying to usurp my label does. Enough?

¶ There's a sympathetic minor character in *Sixth Column* who is explicitly an anarchist as well, or is that of whom you were thinking as a pacifist? And in *Time Enough For Love*, Heinlein (as Lazarus Long) did not deny pacifists exist, only that they could survive. Heinlein is a personal friend of at least one pacifist we mutually know. And I disagree that in *TEFL* he believes "free men have to be governed For Their Own Good." ¶ You may have a case on the judges acting pro-management, but they were doing it before *Social Statics* was published. ¶ Concerning your comment to Tymon, do you have less respect for Theodore Sturgeon because he did a regular column for *National Review*? ¶ Good luck on your zine as an entrepreneurial venture.

Marty Cantor Well, I can also say there are several things in your zine I would like to comment upon, but since it's all comments to others, I'll stay out of the line of fire. You might want to read my comments to Andruschak; though, since one tangentially concerns you. ¶ I will answer a question you put to Dan Goodman since it's not very controversial and he may not know the answer. Paris has a mayor because of a power play by the President (Valéry Giscard d'Estaing), a member of a minority party of the majority coalition. It backfired when the leader of the majority party of the majority coalition won the post, taking another plum away from Giscard and challenging his overall control. The new mayor is Jacques Chirac, former Premier, and head of the new Rally for the Republic, the superficially-changed party of Charles De Gaulle (which has gone through several name changes). And that's probably more than you wanted to know.

Nicolai Shapero "Del squared sigh?" I usually "sigh, sigh star (*)" myself. ¶ I may have already seen you at LosCon 3 so we'll pick it up from there next ish. Yes on your new D&D APA. What's the copy count?

Jeni Roberts Thanks for the "format" compliment and all, but I would still like a bit of attention to my content. ¶ I'm between your friend and you on "trust," though I've been burned a couple of times.

FREFANZINE 4

Cover This one didn't grow on me. (Thank Mises!)

ToC Say, this isn't going to be an all Victor Koman disty, is it?

Victor Koman Say, are you sure you made minac? ¶ *Frefanzine* as big as *LASFAPA*? Or *A&E*? Oh hell, why not the *Frefanzine Anarchica*, in twenty volumes. *guffaw* But keep your anarchochin up, Old Man.

Me (CE112) Instant nostalgia. And *CarbAPA* is dead.

Lee Gold Thanks for giving this APA class. (And another sex.) ¶ I, on the other hand, get good vibes from the sound of children. Nice to know it won't end with me. But, of course, the evil of coercion outweighs any benefit I could enjoy from it. A far worse case than the one you talk about is the discrimination by private clubs in the area against black males. When I thought out loud how un-hip it was to the girls I knew who worked as dancers in one, they jumped all over me (figuratively). What I ultimately gathered is that if the club's did not maintain the restriction, their white female clientele (the most valued) would evaporate (on the whole). And bye, bye club. And one of these days the State will be knocking on the owner's door... ¶ The Arisians may have been meddling and even statist, but at least they didn't want to devour us, for Ghu's sake! ¶ I have not yet read *People of the Wind* or *Brain Wave*. I could have sworn I

mentioned the Polesotechnic League and I or someone the Libertarian League. By the way, just got the latest in that series—*Mirkheim*—and should have read it by the next collation. And I have that edition (hard cover) of *Trader to the Stars* and remember the quote. His view is that of James J. Martin's, that libertarianism is genetic. ¶ Or maybe less lone wolf male heros? ¶ Thanks for your Valentine wish; believe it or not, my love life has caught up to my credit.

Victor Koman (again) No, you didn't miss collation of *Frefanzine 4*. In fact, you got to collate it. Now, aren't you happy? Let's see a big smile... (no, not SMI2LE!) ¶ How about SunCon collation of *Frefanzine 7*?

Bob Cohen Why don't you write your own material, Bob? And how come you didn't credit Mike? ¶ More catshit. You know about all the catfandom in *LASFAPA*, I suppose. I guess you're our token from that ghetto.

Victor Koman (yet again!) Bang! (Consider yourself shot; always mighty glad to oblige). ¶ Some of this biography I experienced with you; thanks for filling in the gaps.

Me (again! CE120) That's much better.

LEPRECONZO!

The con began 10 A.M. Thursday as we spritely hopped in Lee Gold's car when she pulled into the Anarchovillage. The ride from Long Beach to Phoenix was largely uneventful, with one stop at a restaurant called Hobo Joe's, whose function seems to be to reduce Denny's to tramphood.

Well, The Thornton, Lee and I thought as we checked into the motel and got our respective rooms, we seem to be wildly ahead of time. Ah, but the nefarious State still had a card to play in thwarting our idyllic free market—we forgot the time zone-change. And so, instead of pulling into the airport 45 minutes early to pick up Barry Gold, we were 15 minutes late.

Fortunately, the state-regulated airlines brought their plane in 15 minutes late, so no waiting was encountered. With our last meal no great taste treat, and Barry having abandoned his Pie-in-the-Sky junk food, we decided to seek out some good food. (The Thornton protested that Mexican food did not qualify!) And we searched for Phoenix restaurant row.

Heading for what looked like downtown L.A. didn't help, so we finally settled for a cheap Mexican restaurant that didn't look too bad. (Thornton got a hamburger.) There was a dish we never heard of (and whose name I've forgotten—Lee?) which was superb. They also served burros rather than burritos.

So we followed the direction given by the waitress to get back to our motel, and, lo, we were in Scottsdale! That couldn't be right. So we stopped for more directions and took more turns. (I finally realized a boyhood dream and saw a Goldwater Department Store in a shopping center. It didn't look extremist...)

Having traversed the breadth of Phoenix, we found we should have gone in exactly the opposite direction we thought the waitress had said. During a stop for a toothbrush (guess who forgot his electric one), Lee freaked out over finding chocolate *milk* (as opposed to milk product, substitute, etc.). So we loaded up on chocolate milk and returned to the motel to get darkly sloshed.

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