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This issue is Number 29 (of Volume II) and is intended primarily for *LASFAPA 11* (August 21, 1977). (Some may say it's just another *SCAPA FLOW*...) Next issue: a monster zine (with any luck) catching up on comments everywhere for the Big 30th Issue of **ce!**

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This is done at the last possible moment, in the wee hours of Friday morning after the Thursday night Marty wanted the zines in by. Off to the printers at the crack of dawn, and then to hopefully pick them up and get to Studio City by noon Saturday. Never again. And the only reason I'm going to the trouble this is to cut down on the backlog of mailing comments. Next issue I expect to catch up and run some non-comment material for the first in a long while. Expect a monster ish.

Not the happiest of fannish weeks, as Susan and I decided against SunCon at the last minute for personal and financial reasons. *sigh* So, no Cozno report this year. Ah well, there's still the World Fantasy Convention in October and LosCon in November, so I'll get by. And I guess I'll break down and join Iguanacon, even though I'm still perturbed about Harlan Ellison being GoH. He left Science Fiction, remember, so far he's left already that he's the new columnist in the *Cosmos* I picked up at Wonderworld today (free plug for Dick Kyle). *gnrff!* Enough explanations, on to those comments at last!

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Cover "Gather 'round and I'll tell you of Werner Von Braun..."

ToC Rather than "Emergency Editor," I still opt for calling Andy OEE.

Wurlitzer Gee, Dad, it's a... naw, somebody else probably did that already. || And may there never be a "waitlist."

Marty Cantor I will not only gladly pay the \$1.00, but I will pay the \$1.00 of anyone who will resign in protest over the membership restrictions and join a new, unlimited L.A.-based monthly APA if it becomes necessary. (Thus, they will lose no money for their principle.) Want to call it a bribe? (It's more moral than voting.)

Celia Chapman The Fox share rise after *Star Wars* confirms that Good is also profitable. || *SCAPA FLOW* does not sound like a "disease" to history buffs or war gamers. || So that's what you look like (reference to Leon's after first new clubhouse

meeting). Amazing how conversation flows smoother in print, *n'est-ce pas?*

Bobbi Armbruster Good to see you again! || Robert Vaughn's British series was *The Protectors*. He was a "Harry," though I've forgotten the surname. He had a partner called the "Countess." || I most definitely made no agreement to ever obey the "laws" of any State; furthermore, I believe very strongly in committing no immoral acts. Since serving the State is immoral, I break every regulation and control I can. (I do agree to the customs of any society I am in, or choose to visit; Society and the State are in perpetual warfare.) And now that we know each other's position, let's move on (or pass the discussion on to *Frefanzine*). || You're correct on blue laws—religion was used as one excuse for restriction of free enterprise.

Tom Digby Hilarious! Now how about a crossover between your

fiction fragment and *Saucer Sluts*? || Kyger is not 3' 4". I've seen him. He comes up to at least my chin. || Your various remarks to Winston confirms my suspicion that you are not only moral, but virtuous (a la Aristotle). (Yes, I say things like that with a straight face.) || Good enough filk, but versions of "The Saints" I've heard recently changes other lines from verse to verse: e.g., "Oh, when the Judgment Day is here/Oh, when the Judgment Day is here, we will all be in that number/..." So one could get even more elaborate with that filk.

Carl Hobkirk Care to explain "Gospel Swamp?" || Your address looks nothing like that of Tymon. Fountain Valley is nowhere near the Anarchovillage. || Want to start a major controversy in *LASFAPA*? Let's discuss the topic: "Should the United States have provoked the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor?" Or "Could Hitler have avoided being pushed into World War Two?" Have you read that Taylor book I recommended? The Beard?

Dan Goodman Not only the Midwest; there was a Wimpy's in Edmonton. (I don't know how long it lasted.) || The British business strangles itself through socialism; as does the American. Who do you think runs the Labour Party and finances their candidates? (Yes, TUC as well, but they're still junior partners.)

Marc S. Glasser In response to your claims of rising page counts and contributors to *APA-nu*, it won't last. But if there are over 20 people in the September (start of NYU school year) issue, I may believe... || Correction accepted. || Lee wants *chocolate milk*, not "milk product," "chocolate dairy product," "chocolate drink," "chocolate low-fat milk," etc. Argument is not over semantics, but over what can be labeled chocolate milk. || Welcome to SW fandom! Joining the Jedi Knights?

Bill Bridget Ghu, that repro! Oh, my eyes... || Yeah, there's a thousand bios like that in fandom. Onward, upward, and Clear Ether!

Eric Lindsay "...dissent is tol-

erated, providing it remains ineffective." Very astute, Eric. || On your answer to Charles on participation in government: do so and you become part of the problem yourself. Besides, who would want to be a statist?

David Schlosser What does a fan do in Vegas? || I don't think that's adequate explanation to Marty. My main genre in...er, that's *is*, SF (over Fantasy), yet I also prefer D&D to Space Wars.

Andrina Marie Boys Libertarianism is the philosophy of human relations consistent with the premise: Man (sentient) has an absolute right to his life and property; i.e., no one may initiate violence or the threat of violence against another person's life/property. Some of the results of applying this consistently are pure free market economics, anarchist (anti-) politics, revisionist history, Szaszian-style psychiatry, and things of which many columns have been written. As you might have guessed, libertarians have unanimous agreement on nothing—including all the preceding.

|| There is one good reason to learn to spell—it's easier on the rest of us who are trying to read your otherwise delightful prose. || What do firewomen do it with?

Marty Cantor You win the "Stevie" award two disties running! || I too find dice-living, I Ching and astrology revolting. || I'm holding out for Connecticutans. || Wait a minute, Marty! How come maximum page count "smacks of censorship" but maximum people count doesn't? Seems to me both are, in a sense, but the latter is far, far worse.

Elena Pirov "Whoops, more Charles Curley: What do you have guns for? Don't like losers, huh. Ain't you tough." Aren't you just so witty and cute, taking advantage of the old tactic: if you have no good argument, abuse your opponent. And Vic is more "gun nut" than Charles. || I also am nauseated by Harlan Ellison fiction. || I dig your height and sleeping habits. || You are utterly, horribly, miserably wrong about that great, wonderful, never-to-be-equalled music in *Star Wars*. See full ex-

planation by J. Neil Schulman in *The Force* #1. Drop dead also on the acting and especially on the script (i.e. plot). See my article in *The Force* #1.

Charles Curley For the record, I have always disliked Nolan's simplistic 2-d political graph, and loathed the "libersign" which resulted. (Your comment to Kara Dalkey.) || "A&E is an APA, not a fanzine." "APA" is an element of the set "fanzine." So are genzines, personalzines, comiczines, crudzines and even Trekzines. || Calculator/watches are now here for several hundred dollars. Soon as they drop below a hundred, I'll consider them. No more novelty/innovation; it's all over but the marketing. || Villain. || Hosanna *Star Wars*! Ave Lucas!

Bruce Pelz God, what a bitch (Jayn Gallion speech)! Any particular reason you chose to inflict this on us now? Since seven years later she is utterly unknown, I guess justice prevailed.

Jeni Roberts I support your positions in your OE campaign, but I'm against deciding things in *LASFAPA* by vote so I'll abstain.

Lee Ann Goldstein Yeah, you can use EIAA! as a lettercolhead. || Hate rum and maple or any aromatic tobacco. || Nice finally hearing your voice and hope to see you at SunCon. [*Cancel that, I won't be there. Maybe Iguanacon?*] || Better check again how little difference a few less pages would make in postal costs before you trade it for a mess of rules, regulations, and exclusion. || Don't you know what Scapa Flow is (The original reference)?

Rita Prince Winston *LASFAPA* should not discriminate against anyone—except those who don't do the right number of copies, get them in on time, and so on. Spleen all vented? || "What do you expect from a bunch of anarchotheistic libertarians?" How about "not to live up to your expectations?"

Harry J.N. Andruschak Kick out any D&D players and count me out of this APA. || You're welcome to my agenting; sorry to see you non-OEing. If you want your old "job" back, count on me to back your return.

Kees Van Toorn You are so regular in contributing, you shame some of us locals. || I see you are another person who likes to do something out-of-the-ordinary with his birthday. You noticed that England's an economic mess—statism, of course.

|| I also make money from porno. So do at least two other contributors to this APA. || I think there's a fortune for someone who comes up with an innovative, cheap method of publication distribution, available to newcomers trying to break in the market. I'm thinking about it fairly often. Street racks help in Southern California, but I doubt they'd work nationally or internationally. || Naturally, you would know the original "Scapa Flow." I'll bet though that most Americans in this APA do not. || Thanks and *blush* Some can real soon now. Maybe, just maybe, Seacon. || Are there any South Moluccan fans in the Netherlands? || I understand your need to vent your frustration; I'm just sorry you had to pick Vic to lay into. He's really one of the Good People.

R. Laurraine Tutihasi Your comments on libertarianism show an appalling ignorance on the subject. F. Paul Wilson (comment to Cantor) is no libertarian. Vic never said that the name of the Libertarian Party had anything to do with whether it was a party; the challenge was to it being *libertarian*. "I agree that no government is the ideal of libertarianism, but only a fool would expect that to work." After you finished insulting us, maybe you could pull your foot out of your mouth long enough to show us a State that ever "worked"—for anything but plunder and murder. You may have friends in NYUSFS deeply into libertarianism, but not for much longer if you treat their viewpoint with such carelessness. || To Curley you say you're a libertarian? Spare us all and say you're not. Or at least get it straight. The movement has enough PR problems already. I'd trade you and the whole LP for one Lee Gold.

Dennis Jarog The plot of *Star Wars* is superb; the characterization exquisite. O, ye of little Force! || Might agree with as many as half of your "best novels" list. || I'd trust the oil companies as much as any business—if they didn't have a State to control.

Alan P. Winston Ghod, what an anti-Romantic title. You selling out, Winston? (How many fingers, Winston?) || Check your premises on your challenge to Curley on anarchist defense. Ask yourself how an anarchy can be conquered by a State the act requires 200 million surrenders? Imagine occupying a con-

tinient where everyone was used to not obeying orders or even understanding what obeying orders was. (See *The Great Explosion* by Eric Frank Russell for an excellent portrayal of the problem in a classic SF story.)

Guy H. Lillian III Sorry I didn't see you at SunCon—but I didn't make it after all. Iguanacon? || Long as you're talking about longest zines, mine was *NLN 34/35*, at 52 pages. (Still available for \$1.05.) Typeset all the way, of course. || You can seriously prefer New York to L.A.? You are sick, twisted and/or from an alternate reality. And I was furious at *Annie Hall's* ignoring the basic sleaze and grunge of New York and playing up a minor foible or two of Los Angeles. Allen's become a propagandist for degeneracy. || Good grief! I think we're just going to have to admit our tastes differ drastically and give up. You see, I found *The Time Machine* so bad that I was turned off H.G. Wells for good. *Vive Jules Verne!* || Well, we can agree on the worth of Cordwainer Smith. By the way, before we carry this too far, Susan agrees with you about New York and I've learned to live with her. || Guy, you really ought to read what you write sometimes: "... the concerns of the revolution were strong: conservation, peace, justice, honesty, and concern for the rights of man." How does this "revolutionary position" differ from that of any *National Review* conservative? The American revolutionaries (including me, more or less, in 1970) were out to smash the State, stop the War Machine, and oust the ruling class. Nobody was talking that mealy-mouthed, liberal-conservative line you claim, that now Jimmy Carter is "speaking to." Let's "tell it like it was." || John Wilkes Booth was a villain? I thought you lived in the South. (Besides, it's not like he shot a *human*...)

Alex Pournelle Oh, use the scissors and blue pencil on the judiciary system and government. But why not the auction block? (Or the torch...?) || Since you asked for everybody's position on nuclear power, I cannot believe any rational person could oppose its existence. Snuff the sun? However, I am totally opposed to any state nuclear plants (or anything else) and support moves to block their building. Here's one for you: do you support private ownership of nuclear weapons? || I will attest that Vic is no more a Trek-

kie than I. *Star Wars* si, *Star Trek* yehhh! || Hold it! Alan Winston never said 20,000 was significant to five places. 20,000 could be $2 \times 10^{**4}$ or $2.00 \times 10^{**4}$ or... || When out in space in my own ship, there will be no State that can get its hands on me. There's no State at sea, either. || Whether or not some of the people in the United States do not accept anarchy, many of us have and are living accordingly. At least five or six in this collation alone. || Writing style is quite good; your content is...well, your subjective value. But note the relative length of my comments to you.

Nate Bucklin Nothing really addresses me here, but interesting to read.

Margaret Henry I remember Columbus, Ohio, as an overnight stop on the way to Rivercon I (from New York) in 1975. Also, there once was a bunch of libertarians living there in Columbus. I gather it's preferable to Cleveland (at least as portrayed by Steve Gerber). || I don't believe in City governments and I don't like horror movies. || Never been to a Marcon, but after your report, I'll go if given the opportunity.

Beth Schwarzin Some day I hope to get to a Mardi Gras. Maybe I could look you and Don up. Used to trade *NLN* for *Tan-stikkerzeitung*. Ask Don if he's still got any old copies around you could read. || If Mark has not answered, *APA-NYU* = *APA-nu* = *APA-v* and is the New York University Science Fiction Society (NYUSFS) APA.

Virginia Bauer Thanks for correcting the spelling on my name—but surely the price of leaving your own off was too much to pay?

Therri Moore Great title, very libertarian! || I like your style; you say you're a professional?

Fred Mazursky Note on note is noted. What happened to you *this* collation? || And as you noticed by now, Susan and I didn't make SunCon at all. Bet you had a great time anyways.

The Thornton Ah, a primal scream. Was that in the Third Space? Well, I get you anyways. || You're pro-aardvark? Aha, latent racism and support for the Imperialist Supremacist South African regime! || Yes, it was egoboo. What you're saying is you'd rather be a long-range sniper than a fast gun. O.K. I did notice you split from the restaurant and was first to ask about it.