

# CLEAR ETHER!

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Volume Three

This is Volume Three, Number Sixteen, farewell issue for *LASFAPA 26* (November 11, 1978) ending Volume Three. *Next Month*: Volume Four, Number One in a new format to kick off the first collation of *SCAPA FLOW*.

## GOODBYE

This is my last contribution to *LASFAPA*; I am only answering comments in the previous disty here, and will receive this and the following disty (by the present rules) to catch the various ones addressed to me.

It is unfortunately true that I will lose touch with some of you, though many will be in other APAs I will still be in. Those of you I add a black star (★) to at the end of my comment are especially invited to remain in touch, either by locs, trade of zines, or personal letters.

For those of you way out there who find my motivation obscure, let me just say that *LASFAPA* is far too open a medium for me to communicate—even indirectly—with two of the present membership.

I am taking this opportunity to change *Clear Ether's* format once again. Volume IV will return to my idea of a personal-genzine of four pages—but *this* time I will publish mailing comments to APAs separately as "...*And On Green!*" with a separate dating and numbering system. *CE!* will be bimonthly (since *SCAPA FLOW* and *Frefanzine* are) but *AOG!* will appear as often as the APA it corresponds to does (monthly in *APA-nu*, for example). Let's see how this experiment runs.

Bye, kids, it's been beautiful! And now for the closing intimacies.

## EN GARDE AT THE RIPOSTE OFFICE

### LASFAPA 25

This marks my second anniversary in *LASFAPA* (I missed the very first collation)—two years even. A nice round number to finish on; how neat.

**Cover** One of our best. And one of three by Bill Bryan, of whom I've never heard. Good catch, Leigh!

**Stanno-Organic Marty** Looks like I was edged out for my *Stevie* by Lee Pelton at 32 pages, though my word count probably exceeded him. Nothing like going out with a Nova. ¶ Glad to see my dropping out will cinch **Suary** Schulman's entry and move **Cyndi** Warren within striking distance of the waitlist.

**Lan** Didn't get to know you at all, but I hear you pub other zines, so I'm game to try a trade.

¶ (Ct Seth re Ct me) Heroes can

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be real embodiments of an "ideal;" in fact, if the ideal cannot be achieved, it is hardly an "ideal" ideal. The striving for the achievement itself alters and brings into focus that which should be.

**Vixen** If you occasionally refrain from stealing and murdering, yo're "Libertarian in the slightest." ¶ No, I would accept smoker segregation. In fact, it sounds like the best solution at present—and it arose where the theatre owners were allowed to freely choose. Some restaurants have also opted for it. But *state law* will solve nothing—No on 5! ¶ But the imaginative types are simply reading a lot of imaginative literature and "reworking what exists." Tolkien was famil-

iar with past fantasy and mythology.

**Kyoten** Bye, hope to see you at a Worldcon someday.

**Andy FAPA**, heck! See you in *SCAPA FLOW*.

**Kees Van Toorn** Don't worry about any covers you have sent.

**Andrea Antonoff** I know; I was there. \*sigh\*

**Marty Cantor** My parents did not have the same principles as I. Whether I have broken with *them* is another story. ¶ Close enough for your frame of reference. I view the Party as a statist thrust into the Libertarian movement. ¶ Gct Celia on boycotts. ★

**Lee Ann Goldstein** See you at the Cons.

**Sally A. Syrjala** Bye.

**George Jumper** Hello and goodbye.

**R. Laurraine Tutihasi** I'll be sending you another copy of the postmailing. I thought I gave it to you at Iguacon. I'll probably send it with the letter I owe you. ★

**Guy H. Lillian III** Got your letter. Hope you got my reply. ★

**Me** I should have known better.

**Cover (Section II)** Crom!

**Pirov-Chalfin** Greg, see you in 'nu. ¶ Elena, you have the potential for a *great* "sensalife." Just need a little positive reinforcement. ¶ Let me look at your ears, huh? ★

**Carol Kennedy** Strange how differently we perceive people or maybe not all that strange. ¶ No, the belief that another is not responsible for one's survival is not a non-survival value for the species. On the other hand, a strong valuing of children by mother (and father) is. ¶ Aha! Agreement. Can't lose 'em all. ¶ I don't remember trying to get you to defend beliefs you held at 20

—only ones here and now. ¶ But "living—awake, aware, feeling, seeing, touching, tasting, hearing, smelling" is less than full for me with inadequate sleep. Thus the pleasure of sleep is complementary to my pleasure of being awake. I'm so sorry they're antithetical for you. ¶ But a libertarian sees nothing wrong in delegating his or her defense to competitive protection agencies avidly offering their services. We simply object to giving up our *Freedom* to...to what? Protect our freedom? That makes no sense. Your statement that libertarians are attempting to impose anything means either that you have completely misread everything that I and the several other libertarians in this APA have said or...well, I don't really see you stooping to demagoguery. But pay all the taxes you want, submit to all the regulations and allow yourself to be conscripted. Just keep your government off of *our* backs. ¶ Tell me a specific part of Minneapolis to visit which will change my impression of the city. I'm game. ¶ Schmitz? Got any stories about him in the classroom? ¶ No, I don't "make up" my own definitions—except to words I have invented (e.g., minarchist, Partyarch, agorist, New Libertarian, "Stevie," *frefan*). In the case of "sharing," I was using it as it was given to me *in context*—and it was *not* meant denotatively in that context. ¶ That's right, I am what I do. And on that note, goodbye.

**Lee Pelton** Your comments about Presley apply equally to Linda Ronstadt, another of my favourites. They are great singers; no one argued their merits as composers or arrangers. ¶ Until you, I had not heard of *Rune*. But I knew a lot of fanzines, and I would consider I

had a "background in fanzines." ¶ Funny, about being misquoted and misunderstood; that's exactly what I feel Carol does. And you seem to be following her. I can at least admire your loyalty. Sorry it divides us. "...and would not want to be a libertarian." What is so integral to her identity that requires forcing people to do things? Truly sad. ¶ Dichotomies do not stifle (or promote) thought; you missed my real point: they *are* thought. The separation of A-ness from not-Aness is how the mind works. It *cannot* function otherwise. ¶ Who did what O.K. at Iggy? ¶ If that which contains a poison is a poison, than spinach and rhubarb are. Obviously one can ingest poison in non-lethal amounts, sometimes even beneficially. But one ought to watch it... ¶ "How many ways do you swing, Konkin?" Er...alephnull? ¶ EIAA! ¶ Remember it was a comment to Ed. rago bnc = read and grossed out... ¶ How does Reynold's negative income tax differ from Friedman's? I'll settle for zero tax myself. ¶ Mozart learned fast. ¶ You're correct, of course. ¶ Not if I franked through Tymon's zine. But that threat is over. ¶ Tab-to-Coke spell? How much? Gold pieces in payment or spell points per use? ¶ Thanks. ¶ (Ct Leigh on Doc S.) Closet Boskonian! \*zap\* ¶ Yeah, from the Anarchovillage to the...Anarchotown? Anarchovilla? Anywhere but back to the Anarchoslum. ¶ Tha which exists. ¶ O.K., why two holes in the lobes should have been asked. \*grr\* ¶ Gla you restrained yourself. ¶ I thought *IWFNE* was good, *Time Enough For Love* superb! So there! RAH! RAH! ¶ Well, as far as out-and-out ideologies, I have "embraced" only one. I began with a conservative's scepticism of ideology. Fortunately, reason prevailed. ¶ What you quote doesn't make them so, but the *Brigate Rosse* may be "non office-holding Statists." Their philosophy is confused (from a libertarian understanding) on this point. ¶ I sure as hell have seen damn few writers who could write like Doc Smith. Maybe Campbell in his classic Arcot-Wade-Morey stories. ¶ Excuse me, but please explain how the use of labels (i.e. concepts) imply any lack of "thinking for yourself." A "label" is, at least in my thinking, an address (computer style) at which is stored a long history and set of implications, causes and results of that

philosophical position, with some psychological association thrown in. As Elena would say, what do labels mean to you? ¶ EIAA and *sympatico* on les love. ¶ Now you object to my quoting of others? What's the matter, you object to my giving credit where it's due? I don't get to be this brilliant without a little help from my friends, you know. ¶ Hold it, there's no grime and dullness in Long Beach. (Except that strip on the West Side of the Fwy but that doesn't count.) Sirrah! ¶ Who's Eric Frank Russell? *Wasp*, *The Great Explosion*, ... ¶ *Gateway* won and we wuz robbed! ¶ To say you are "not a political person" is to say you are an unconscious libertarian. A libertarian is one who, among other things, understands fully and can defend his aversion for politics—the act of acquiring control of a State. ¶ For an exponent of self-liberation as yourself, I find it grossly inconsistent for you to support corporate—or any other kind—of paternalism. ¶ FAAN awards are more meaningful to the less than a hundred in-group who bestow them, but hardly to Fandom. ¶ "Malto-Meal" reference to the Harlan Ellison anecdote? ★

**Margaret Henry Wait a minute**, the State would take no action against formaldehyde in meat until after it was discovered either. There goes your argument. ¶ I don't believe a psychopath would wipe out a hemisphere—but a Statist would. ¶ Are you aware of the D&D APAs: *Alarums & Excursions* and *The Lords of Chaos*? ¶ EIAA! ¶ See you in *APA-nu*.

**CantorCon** Lea Mayes! So at least I can leave happy, her secret blown. \*cackle\* ¶ I gather Sharon and Bob had a good trip with you; I trust you enjoyed it? ¶ See you in *SCAPA FLOW*.

**Dangor** I wasn't being arbitrary at all. There is a one-to-one correlation between the free aspects in a market place in an area (country) and its "successes." State "capitalist" countries have failures where they have embraced statist control in the marketplace. ¶ Ook on *FIASCO*! ¶ Consider me shut up.

**Kees Van Toorn** Colour separations have not yet arrived. (November 1.) ¶ How did Phil Dick 'scare the hell out of' you? ¶ I know the RAF and BR are deliberately trying to provoke a

fascist response to arouse the masses. I accept their methods, but not their aims—or its chance for success. ¶ Heineken? Well, I like Dortmunder and *real* (not U.S.) Lowenbrau. Dark. Maybe the Heineken I had here was not the *real* stuff you get in Europe. ¶ I'd be interested in your description of the Dutch political parties. Is there any regionalism in the Netherlands, or outright separatism in any of the provinces? Probably nothing like Belgium. ¶ *Heroin* is the drug; *heroine* is a female hero. ¶ *Methadone* in English. ¶ Good analysis on State attempts to control drugs. There may be an unfortunate increase in Dutch people turning to hard drugs, but the government is causing the *problem*. ¶ Good slash-out to Jenny. \*snicker\* ★

**Jim Hershberg** Goodbye and ★. **Leigh Strother-Vien** See you in the movies.

**Dennis Jarog** You were at Igua-nacon? See you at SeaCon or NorthAmeriCon; I'll make it a point.

**Marc Glasser** I don't consider Hitler anything like a "psychopath"—but he was an archetypical Statist. Still, note that he refrained from germ warfare and chemical warfare—and those "sane" Allied and Central Powers statesmen of WWI did not. **Cover (Section III)** What? No monster?

**David I. Solo** Nice to see another incumbent bite the dust (Ct Celia); hilarious to see a conservative Democrat vs a liberal Republican. Same scenario in Illinois. ¶ (Ct Mike) *Cornelius Chronicles* my least favoured Moorcock. The episode involving the Four-Who-Are-One seen from the different characters view was my all-time favorite. ★

**Mike Gunderloy** Letter received; it felt good. ¶ This cover is... derivative? ¶ Your *Frefan* Zine arrived today! ¶ Hail Eris! ★

**David Schlosser** Sorry I couldn't help you out more on collation.

**Cal Johnson** You seem to have somethings on your mind.

**Virginia Bauer** They're still pubbing *Little Lulu*? I haven't seen one for 15 years. ¶ I have no objections to anyone *assuming* responsibility for a child at birth. We seem to agree. ¶ Gonna be in *SCAPA FLOW*? ★

**Bobbi Armbruster** Gee, I'm not even mentioned. A sad farewell.

**Cal Johnson** Jarvis did benefit and as a politician is undoubtedly a crook. The bureaucrats

and politicians will undoubtedly cover their asses—see E.G. Brown Jr., for example. But what people are suffering from Proposition 13 and how? Surely you don't consider welfare thieves and subsidized corporations *sufferers* for their lack of share of public plunder? ¶ EIAA! ¶ No, not misguided, just loyal. Good quality when correctly applied. O.K., look it up whenever.

**Seth Goldberg** (Ct David Schlosser ct me) Give in to temptation Biochem—sneer! ¶ (Ct Dangor ct me) You're right—I don't. (Ct me) Right on Och's song. "Partial responsibility" sounds like a dangerous concept. ¶ EIAA! ×2 (my ct Elena). ¶ "Allowing anyone... is most unfortunate." Tsk. Would you use nuke on someone's otherwise invulnerable fortress to take her or hers away? ¶ Ah, a fellow sleep-lover (dormophile)?! ¶ Eh, I could give interviews and have said True Love (prospective) fill out forms? ¶ I'm better than Kimball Kinnison? Ghod, what a compliment! (\*I love this man\*) But seriously, do you really find it that difficult to add the extra dimensions to Kimball *et al.* to make him satisfactory? Smith didn't waste space on that; he had fantastic plots and action and gadgets and concepts to give us. ¶ Why should one encourage registration of anyone, including addicts. How Orwellian! Speaking of "libertarian socialism," how do you like George Orwell? ¶ Life, compared to that in neighboring states, was quite good for these "national anarchies." Ibo and Irish cases are well-known and documented. ¶ Thank Ghod don't believe I need failures to make me human, or I would have to give up humanity. And that's another trap so many have fallen into. But thanks for the extra caring.

**Leslie Blitman** Ignored am I. I have a ★.

**A. Trimpi** So we finally m Guess I'll be seeing you around.

**Alan P. Winston** See you in *SCAPA FLOW*. Or at least SFS.

**Fred Mazursky** And see you 'nu.

**Vic's Sluts** Guess who set ad? \*ahem\*

**Bruce & Mike** Well, I'm back *'FLOW* to the hilt!

**Andy** As above.

**Greg Brown** Farewell, and it on to your non-communicative wife.

**THAT'S ALL FOLKS.**