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Editor's note: Most of the above information is copied from the March NFF, and I make no guarantees concerning its accuracy as of this date.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Dear Fellow NFFFers:

A bombshell was tossed into Directorial procedure during the past couple of weeks by Director F.T. Laney. He blithely announced that following the Pacificon "I can guarantee that there will be another and better organization springing up to take the place of the NFFF." Accompanying that statement were derogatory remarks concerning myself and the organization. Possibly the former were deserved, but the latter were definitely unbecoming an elected official. As I definitely have a personal interest in the matter and doubt if it would be possible for me to compose an unbiased report of the matter at this time I have asked Director Tarr to report to the NFFF on it.

There hasn't been much of anything to report to the members since my emergency bulletin of May 22nd except for some new developments along lines already mentioned.

Milton A. Rothman has kindly consented to become our Official Editor, and his appointment has been approved by the Board of Directors. Milty will give you his own statement of policy somewhere within this issue.

Our projects are coming along fine. The Evans' Biblio is now being stenciled. Lynn Bridges' work on the introductions is progressing very nicely and the actual check listings are ready and awaiting his completion so that they can be stenciled to fit the pages. An innovation has been suggested and is being considered to leave appropriate blanks at the end of each check list for new issues as they appear so that recipients can keep their check lists up to date for several years in the future.

A suggestion has been forthcoming from a lithographer concerning the reprint edition of the FIRST FINLAY PORTFOLIO. The original edition of 8 Finlay illustrations from the pages of FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES was published on 9 x 12 glazed paper. The lithographer suggests that by elimination of a small portion of white space surrounding the illustrations without cutting the actual picture size he can reduce the cost by approximately one third. This will mean an  $8\frac{1}{2}$  x 11 inch finished size and a few more dollars for use on our official organ or some other project. I have taken the liberty of approving such a move, since it doesn't actually change the project in any manner.

Word has been received from Mary Gnaedinger that FFM is happy to insert an ad in FFM telling of the reprint edition of the FIRST FINLAY PORTFOLIO giving prices and suggesting that readers apply for membership in the NFFF. Art Widner's name and address are included so that readers may write for information and application blanks.

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For some time various individuals have been attacking the NFFF Constitution through the FAPA and through fan magazines generally circulated. Oddly enough approximately half of the attacks we have seen have been made by non-members whose interest we fail to understand. NFFF business can hardly be of interest to those not in the organization. To the others who are NFFF members I would like to call their attention to Art. VIII of the Constitution as to the proper procedure for entering their complaints. Ed Counts was our troubleshooter and no one made any complaints to him. Dale Tarr has taken over the handling of any complaints and, so far, nothing has been brought to his attention other than things brought up in Directorial official correspondence. The Constitution was voted in by the members and the present officials were elected by the members to serve under the constitution.

It is not the position of the elected officials to find fault and change that instrument regardless of any personal feelings they may hold concerning its adequacy. Any minor difficulties encountered that hamper efficient procedure will, of course, be noted and corrections suggested. But it is the duty of each elected officer to uphold, if not the letter, the spirit of the Constitution.

If you attend the Pacificon do not fail to attend the NFFF meeting scheduled during that Convention. E.E. Evans, who is in charge, has informed us that interesting talks and a discussion program has been set. See your Pacificon program for time and place of the meeting.

The NFFF will have an ad in the Pacificon Bulletin (Full Page) and also an ad will appear in the INTERNATIONAL AMATEUR (published in England) in the summer issue for world wide distribution. A writeup for the organization will appear in the INTER-NATIONAL AMATEUR WHO'S WHO (also published in England).

#### Fraternally yours

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 Walter Dunkelberger

 President of NFFF

#### EDITOR'S MESSAGE

Such irregularity in appearance of the official organ as we have just seen naturally creates the impression that the NFFF is tottering on its last legs, and that it is not performing sufficient of its functions to warrant its existence as a club. This unfortunate condition has been caused by the unforseeable illness of Charles Tanner, and it is my function, as the new editor, to bring the organ back to regularity by producing a vigorous. issue of The National Fantasy Fan every month from here on out.

This initial issue of my reign is being produced under certain difficulties, as usually happens when there is an interruption in the normal course of events. The most serious difficulty is lack of an up-to-date membership list so that I don't even know how many copies of this to turn out. Let us hope that with loud playing of the William Tell Overture the postman will gallop to the rescue and deposit on the doorstep a message from Art Widner some time during the next two days. Otherwise I'm sunk.

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There is also a paper concerning the constitution by Speer, already stenciled, which was originally supposed to be published in these hallowed pages, but Speer may have changed his mind since those stencils began their fabulous career, so I am waiting to hear from him, also. Some vandal cut the stencils down to letter size, which act of rapacious destruction will put me to great torment to use them on my Speedoprint, which requires legal size stencils, so I don't think I'll use them at all, come what may. There's enough material already on hand for this issue to keep me perspiring far into the night.

It's not my business as editor to remark upon the dissolution of the NFFF which is being plotted by at least three of the Board of Directors. But as a member I wish to point out the following:

It will look like hell for all of fandom if the NFFF is added to the list of the ISA and New Fandom. Furthermore it will be embarassing with regards to the abovementioned advertisement in Famous Fantastic Mysteries. I expect to hear merry guffaws from certain gentlemen in New York if any of our board of directors resign because their attentions have been attracted by a new organization. You will recall that no end of ill feeling arose when certain officers of the FAPA resigned in order to form the VAPA. The ill feeling which will arise in the event that NFFF officers resign because of another organization is bound to bring a split in fandom which will jeopardize the success of both organizations, old and new.

Furthermore, the NFFF cannot be dissolved without asking the membership at large.

I bought my ticket to Los Angeles today, and I'm going to be at that NFFF meeting pitching for a compromise solution to the problems which beset us.

Hoping to see some of you there, I remain

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Milton A. Rothman

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#### WELCOM REPORT

The following individuals have been caught in the act of writing to the promags, and have been contacted with regard to joining the NFFF:

THRILLING WONDER STORIES; (Caught by Boff, Perry)

A.V. Bell, Winston-Salem, N. Carolina; Ziza Schramm, San Francisco, Calif; Wm. G. Matthews, Keyport, N.J.; Gwen Cunningham, Gardena. Calif; Teresa Duna, Beverly Hills, Calif,

STARTLING STORIES: (Snagged by Henry Elsner, Jr.)

Sam Mason, NYC (EGAD); Lin Carter, St. Petersburg, Fla; Irwin Friedman, Bronx, NY; Mrs. R.O. Colland, E. Cleveland, Ohio; Howard Gabriel, Brooklyn, N.Y.; Lt. Stanley Runell, Dallas, Texas; Mrs. Patsy Martin, Oakland, Calif; David Thomas, Cambridge, Mass; Lionel Inman, Ripley, Tenn; Robt Davidson, Brooklyn, NY; Ray Corley, Pascagoula, Miss; D. Charles, Storm Lake, Iowa; Lt. Joseph Williamson, Seattle, Wash; Millard Grimes, Columbus, Ga.

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES: (Corralled by Telis Streiff)

Betty Smith Faulkner, Long Beach, Calif; Joseph Miraski, Philadelphia, Pa; H.H. Behrens, Chicago, Ill; Hobart Gibson, Springfield, Ohio; Millard Grimes, Columbus, Ga.

WEIRD TALES: (Spirited by K.M. Carlson)

Jim Lunsford, Los Angeles, Calif; Rose Smith, Steubensville, Ohio; Wm Golden, Glendale, NY; Kay Haney, Huntsville, Ark; John Smarter, Port Neches, Texas; R. Dickhoff, NYC; W.H. Baxter, White Plains, NY; Lewis R. Sale, Jeffersonville, Ind; Martha Quinby, Seattle, Wash; Earl Tyler, Glasgow, Mont; Dee Gills, Brooklyn, NY.

PLANET STORIES: (Harassed by Ron Maddox.)

Roy Tidwell, Atlanta, Ga; R.R. Anger, Ottowa, Ont, Canda; Phil Warner, Forest Hills, NY; Howard Gabriel, Brooklyn, NY; Merle Lamson, Yakima, Washington; Gerry Williams, Verdun, Quebec; Marvin Wallack, Philadelphia, Pa; Ernest Rogers, Lowell, Mass; Robert A. Bradley, Covington, Ky; Hume McFarlan, Atlanta, Ga; Harley Sachs, South Bend, Ind.; Bill Oberfield, Wheeling, W.VA;.

## HEY --- ANOTHER PHOLODS OCTOBER 27

That means Philadelphia Conference, and it's a meeting of the fans for the fans and by the fans. Write to the editor of this rag for information.

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Editor's note: "Etc." is the title of/the Society for General Semantics, so I question whether the same title can be registered in our Copyright Bureau. 

CONSTITUTION: STREAMLINED MODEL

by Burton Crane

My first published attempt to draft a workable constitution for the NFFF was cordially received, altho some wished the duties of officers more sharply defined. The draft below attempts to meet that and other criticisms.

You will note that this draft leaves almost complete power in the hands of the President, provided that everything goes well. When the yoggoths strike, the Directors move in. Such an arrangement makes for work and progress, for the President is not hampered when he has a hard-working administration behind him. When the administration is at odds with him, the directors may move promptly to effect a cure.

ARTICLE I -- Name The name of this association shall be the Fantasy League.

ARTICLE II -- Membership

Membership shall be open, pending good conduct, to any person who sends \$2 annual dues to the Secretary-Treasurer. Dues expire annually on January 1.

ARTICLE III -- Elected Officers. Section 1: Officers elected annually and serving from February 1 shall be the President, Vice President, Secretary-Treasurer, Official Editor, and three Directors. No member shall be eligible to

the Presidency or Directorate unless he shall have been a member of the League for three years and no minor shall be eligible to the office of Secretary-Treasurer.

Section 2: The President shall be the chief executive of the League and shall perform all duties normally attaching to such an office. He shall be empowered to remove any appointive officer or committee member, without cause. He shall be empowered to remove any director for failure properly to perform his duties with the concurrence of a majority of the other elected officers not affected by the move.

Section 3: The Vice President shall head the recruiting and welcoming committees of the League. If he attends the convention, he is automatically chairman of the Proxy Committee.

Section 4: The Secretary-Treasurer shall receive dues and admit applicants to membership; he shall send out blank mail ballots and receive and certify completed mail ballots as instructed in Article V; he shall keep an up-to-date membership list, which he shall make available to the official editor as requested and which he shall certify to the Custodian of Ballots in time for the annual election; he shall keep an accurate account of the League's finances, reporting in each issue of the official organ and to the convention, and he shall turn over League records promptly to his successor upon official notification that a successor has been appointed or elected. He shall be bonded in the sum of \$250. The League shall pay the cost of the bond, which shall be held by the President.

Section 5: The Official Editor shall publish the official organ as directed by the annual convention, spending no more of the League's funds on each issue than authorized by the President.

Section 6: The Directors shall interpret the constitution, subject to approval at the next following convention. The Directors. on complaint signed by the President or by any two members, may remove an elected officer for failure properly to perform his duties, but two directors may not remove the third. A majority of the elected officers and directors; not including the director against whom charges are brought, may, on complaint signed by the President or any two other officers or directors, remove a director for failure properly to perform his duties. The Directors. on complaint signed by the President or any two members, may expel or suspend any member for conduct prejudicial to the best interests of the League. In all cases of removal, expulsion, or suspension, the member or officer shall be given a copy of the charges and ample time in which to make answer in his defense. Charges, reply, and the decision of the majority of the board of directors shall be published in the next available issue of the official organ; provided that the Official Editor, if space limitations demand, may cut each to not less than 600 words. In case any

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office becomes vacant, the Directors shall fill it by appointment. In case the Directors fail to notify the senior officer of their decision within three weeks of being notified of the vacancy, the senior officer shall make an appointment to fill the vacancy.

Section 7: The officers shall rank in the order in which they appear in this constitution, and the directors shall rank according to the number of votes by which they are elected. The Director receiving the greatest number of votes shall be Chairman of the Board.

#### ARTICLE IV \*\* Appointive Officers and Committees

The President shall be empowered to appoint officers and committees necessary to carry on the work of the League. He may remove them without cause.

#### ARTICLE V -- Elections

Section 1: Before November 1 the President shall appoint a Custodian of Ballots resident in the convention city selected by the previous convention or, in default of a convention, by mail ballot of the members. He shall notify the Secretary-Treasurer of such appointment before November 1.

Section 2: Before December 1 the Secretary-Treasurer shall mail to each member in good standing two copies of a mail ballot on which the member may indicate his choices for officers, for convention city, and for proposed amendments to the constitution. No candidates name shall appear on the ballot.

Section 3: Members who will not be present at the convention may vote by mail, sending one signed ballot to the Secretary-Treasurer at his permanent address, the other signed ballot to the Custodian of Ballots designated by the President. The latter ballot must be received by the Custodian of Ballots before the roll is called in the first day of the convention, at which time members in attendance who wish to vote in person may withdraw their mail ballots.

Section 4: At the first session of the convention the presiding officer shall appoint a Proxy Committee under the chairmanship of the Vice President. (Robert's Rules of Order provide that the first order of business on the first day of a convention is to appoint temporary officers, so that a full slate may be present. Thus, the chairman of the Proxy Committee would be the Vice President thus appointed and the Secretary-Treasurer might also be a temporary officer.) The Secretary-Treasurer shall also be a member and the official list of members in good standing shall become part of the records of the Proxy Committee. The Proxy committee shall count all legal votes sent by mail and shall certify the results to the first session of the following day. Section 5: On the second day of the convention officers shall be elected. The convention vote shall be added to the mail vote for each office or each question. If there is no majority on the first ballot, all save the four highest contenders shall be eliminated. If there is no majority on the second ballot, the contender with the fewest votes shall be eliminated. If there is no majority on the third ballot, the mail ballots shall be eliminated and the convention shall proceed to register its own choice.

Section 6: The report of the Proxy Committee, the mail ballots received by the Custodian of Ballots, and the mail ballots received by the Secretary-Treasurer shall be sent to the chairman of the outgoing Board of Directors, who shall certify the results of the election. Oversights and errors which do not demonstrably affect the results shall not be considered to invalidate the election of any officer, but if unfairness is evident, the election of the officer so elected shall be declared invalid.

Section 7: If the election of any officer is declared invalid, the senior validly elected officer shall appoint a member to serve pending a mail election, which he shall call at the earliest possible time.

Section 8: In an emergency election the senior validly elected officer shall establish procedure according to the exigencies of the situation, provided that only those eligible to vote in the invalidated election shall vote and that two sets of mail ballots will be used, one to check against the other.

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#### ARTICLE VI- Amendments

This constitution may be amended by two-thirds vote of the members represented at any convention, either in person or by mail ballot, provided that the amendment, signed by three members, shall have been published in an issue of the official organ appearing before November 1. Modifications to correct errors, to improve phrasing or to make the amendment accord with other sections of the constitution may be made at the convention by majority vote of the members present, provided that the sense of the amendment is not altered.

#### ARTICLE VII -- Conventions

Convention cities shall be chosen at the convention of the previous year. Should unforseen circumstances arise, the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, is empowered to change the convention city by notice to the membership before November 1. Conventions shall be held at dates designated by the President, with the approval of the Board of Directors, between December 26 and January 4.

ARTICLE VIII --- Parliamentary Authority. Roberts Rules of Order shall govern this League where this constitution does not rule, save that a motion to adjourn shall always be debatable.

#### Addenda to Editor's Message:

As I stenciled the last page, Bernard Baruch was making his momentous announcement on the radio concerning the foundation of the Atomic Developement Authority, so any typographical errors may be attributed to inability to divide my mind completely.

After stencilling the Burton Crane constitution, there remains nothing for me to do but re-stencil the Speer suggestions and run it off. Harry Warner, chairman of the Board of Directors, has given me the go-ahead on both items. Remarks by Dunkleberger concerning Speer's paper are appended.

Additional Secretary-treasurer stuff has come from Widner. so that is all set. I have taken it upon myself to prepare only enough copies of this publication for members in good standing. Members "suspended" because of non-payment of dues will not receive copies, since it is now June, and if they haven't paid by now they do not intend to pay. The reason for this is the paper shortage. The paper shortage also explains the color of this paper. It was all the store had. 

Gentlemen: Seattle, Wash.

While leaving particular changes to Counts' committee. the president has placed before the entire membership the general issue of whether the present constitution should be amended or should be replaced. Portions of the president's message in the January National Fantasy Fan, and Evans' letter in that number, pre-sent one side of the question. I would like to argue on the other side, namely, that there is nothing to gain and much to lose by attempting to patch up our present constitution.

The president says that junking the present constitution would be as inadvisable as junking a new car instead of fixing a faulty part. This is a false analogy. A new car is the product of hundreds of hours of labor; presumably it will run for several years with a few repairs. Our present constitution, on the other hand, has not proved able to run for even one year, and the labor of trying to fix it up is greater than would be required to write a new and simpler constitution (much of the work has already been done); and the new product will work much better than a patched-up version of the present constitution, which is fault y in its basic conceptions (division of authority, prolixity, and detail) and would be full of latent maladjustments. It would be nearer the truth, if you have to have an analogy, to consider the present constitution as an experimental model for a new car, which has proved to be sour, but which we are nevertheless asked to put into production for years to come.

Evans' letter gives not a single definite argument in fav-

or of the present constitution; all he says is that his experience proved that it is necessary for it to be like it is. Our experience has already proved that it won't work as it is. We will go into that in more detail in a minute.

Evans also creates an erroneous idea of the circumstances under which our competing constitutions were presented to the members. My suggested brief constitution was not coming up for vote as Evans' was; it was not on the ballot. There was no reason to require board approval 'of it. (As a matter of fact, the board never approved of the Evans constitution in the exact form in which it was finally submitted.) I was simply exercising the right of every NFFF member to speak in the official organ on a question of club interest, and presented my suggested constitution to buttress the argument. No one graciously allowed my sheet to be included; it was a right -- the same right I am exercising now.

I must ask your patience as we go thru the present constitution part by part, pointing out the most apparent flaws.

I -- Name. The N3F name was generally felt to be unsatisfactory -- we only rejected the alternative "United Fantasy Fandom" because it was even worse. "National", "Fan", and "Federation" all are either misleading or have unfortunate connotations. I realize that we are gradually getting used to the name; we are even thinking of perpetuating it in an emblem. But we should realize that to people still outside, who are not used to the name, the impression it creates is as different from ours as the meaning conveyed by the story title "Cooperate -- Or Else!" to Ackerman's man.

III -- This article sets up the division of power between the executive and directorate. No good reason for it has ever been suggested as far as a club is concerned. Some people, who apparently believe that that government is best which does the least, talk about "checks and balances", as though there were danger that a centralized administration might deprive us of life, liberty, and due process of law. They forget that this is just a voluntary association. On the other hand, the division of authority has already led to considerable friction within the administration, and some unfortunate incidents. Either the president must become in effect chairman of the board, giving up his special appointive power and the absurd veto; cr the executive and the board must revolve in their separate spheres, the board virtually ceasing to operate upon the actual activities of the organization, save as a body voting Ja weeks after the action has been taken. I don't like the latter solution. I think that five heads are better than one, and that five board members is a small enuf body to function efficiently.

III-A-2: Here's that old Throttlebottom again, the vicepresidency. Whether the v-p will actually "advise and assist the president in his duties" depends entirely upon the geographical location of the two. As for filling the president's office if that's vacated -- everybody knows that vice-presidents are not chosen as next-best choice for president. The next-best man should be a member of the board. Since the board can fill any other vacated office, they could do the same in case the president should die or resign. The v-p's third assigned function, that of voting to break a tie in the board, it is unnecessary because, first, there are five members of the board and if all vote there'll be no tie, and second, it's a parliamentary rule that on a tie vote the motion is lost. In short, the vipre is a superfluous man.

III-A-3: Why elect the secretary-treasurer? Does he have any discretionary power to speak of, or does he formulate policies? No: like the official editor, who is appointive, he is just a guy that has to do a lot of work. Let the secretary be chosen by the board after the election, and be responsible to them for the conduct of his office (they could bond him if they wished). The board at that time will know better who has some spare time (and the requisite ability) for the coming year.

III-A-3-b: Secretary preparing ballots led to confusion last year. Several dollars would be saved by sending out the ballots with the official organ, as fan organizations usually do. The editor, who is sure to have duplicating equipment, while the secretary may not, is the obvious official to publish the ballots.

III-A-3-d: This subsection requires that the president or four directors must countersign bills before the secretary can pay them. Maybe this does more good than harm (you'd have to prove it to me); but the point is that this sort of niggling detail in the constitution prevents the officers from experimenting and working out the best possible arrangements. These procedures don't come down from on high in the first place; they're very susceptible to improvment or change, and the officers shouldn't be forbidden to improve them.

III-A-3-d-1: I'm far from convinced of the desirability of bonding the secretary, especially if we're paying for a \$250 bond when the treasury seldom reaches \$100. Another example of the inelasticity of a detailed constitution.

III-B: This section, on the board of directors, mentions that the member receiving the most votes shall be chairman. It fails to say how the chairman's duties differ from any other member's, and in fact the person who is chairman has never acted as such. The president has been board chairman instead, which demonstrates the practical inutility of dividing officers into executive and legislative branches in a club like ours.

III-B-1-e: (Incidentally, the "1" is superfluous): This section on Order of Restraint and Temporary Suspension of Power is a fine example of taking as many words as possible to say a thing. This sort of wordiness helped make the constitution so long that most of you haven't read it thru. "The board may suspend the power of any official for unwise acts, and remove him if he fails to correct the acts" would reduce the wordage 80%. But if the board is made the appointing and accounting body for all other officials, the same power would follow by implication.

IV-4: Courts of law have colled "and/or" a verbal monstrosity. Last fall president Tucker construed the expression here to mean "and", which is permissible, and the only interpretation that makes sense. The construction recently announced by president Dunkelberger makes the whole phrase "and/or vote in at least one election during the year" a nullity. I don't think it's a wise provision, but i don't believe in amending the constitution by such insupportable "interpretations". I don't think it's a wise provision, because it forces every member to vote, though we may have some members who wish to give us their support in the way of dues and perhaps some work, but either don't keep up with the political picture, or love evvabody so evenly that they don't feel like voting.

IV-4-a: If the secretary can extend "special consideration" subject to board review, how binding is the constitution on the administration? Why not frankly leave such things up to the board by saying nothing about them in the constitution?

IV-5: A nice example of sweetness-and-light wording that we'd never bother to change if we were just amending things. But i think the word "expel" would be plainer than "membership shall be subject to revocation for cause."

V-A: Here's that booby trap that threw us last autumn. Elections shall be held the "first of November." How do you hold an election on a particular date when ballots are mailed out and mailed back over a period of weeks? Evans told me he was surprised to see that wording: he intended that the ballots should go out with the October official organ. The whole idea of having the officers change over just at the end of the year, immediately after which all dues must be paid (they can't be paid before; you couldn't be sure of eligibility for renewal), is like changing horses in midstream. You know about the trouble in the secretary's department early this year. What we should do is elect officers in the middle of the dues-year, so that the machine is functioning smoothly when it's time to persuade the boys to shell out. (This'd also avoid letting people vote who are about to let their memberships lapse.)

V-A-1: The requirement that the October official organ must be in the mail by 10 October is purposeless unless the ballots are mailed out with it. Even so, i see little reason to say that the October organ must be out on 10 Oct, just because the polls close 10 Dec, exactly two months later. Heck, let it go out 5 Oct or 15 Oct; what does it matter as long as there's plenty of time for ballots to be returned? V-A-1-b: Upon my objecting to the original requirement of five endorsements for candidates, Evans changed the number on the stencil to two before submitting the constitution to the membership. But the whole idea of requiring endorsements is wrong. We had ample proof and discussion of that last fall; it's not necessary to go into it again.

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V-A-1-e: (Ave atque!): If you're going to let elective officers succeed themselves at all, why restrict them to only one more term? Since the ill-fated Assembly of the French Revolution it has not been that wise to limit the number of times that an experienced legislator may serve if the votors want him to; and the two-term tradition for the executive seems thoroly smashed, too. I say, let the voters elect whom they will, whether he's an old egomaniac or a callow neophyte. We of 1946 have no right to tell the membership of 1948 whom they may not elect.

V-A-1-h: Why require the ballots to be signed? If voting be required for retaining membership, yet your name can be put elsewhere than on the face of the ballot. And if, as i advocate, you decide to let the members vote or not as they see fit, why require this signature, with its basic violation of the freedom of the ballot? I know of at least one vote in an FAPA election which was compromised by the thought that a member of the ballot counting committee would see it and whose it was.

VII-3: This requires a lot of dope to be in the January issue which in fact can be and was put in the December number of the official organ; and should be, so that the members may know who are to be the officers for next year, and so that the retiring officers can lay their burdens down at the end of the year.

VII-4: In all this wordy list of material to be included in the official organs, i find no guarantee of the right of ordinary members to state their own views on matters that are being discussed behind the curtain in which the administration cloaks itself. How about it -- Does a member's right to reach other members thru the official organ depend upon the kind permission of the officers'

VII-5: As long as you're requiring a complete treasurer's report and roster in mid-year (which there wasn't last year), why not require the roster to be published every three months? One of its principal uses is as a list of names and addresses. For two months, intervening changes may be noted alone; but beyond that, no one's going to look thru four or five issues to be sure he had the party's current address.

VIII: The procedure for amendments offers no provision for suggestions for improvement to be made by the board members, and since the procedure is iron-clad, there appears to be no opportunity therefor. It would be nice to state that we require only a majority of persons voting, to pass an amendment; most people don't have a copy of Robert's Rules of Order. Now those who deal in bromides will call all of the above destructive criticism, and unworthy of attention unless i also offer something constructive. Here it is, almost the same as before:

### Suggested Constitution

- 1. This organization, the Fantasy League, operates in the field of activity which has grown up around interest in science-fiction and other fantasy. It is intended to perform any desirable functions in that field which an organization can do better than unorganized individuals.
- 2. Members join upon approval of the Board. Dues are \$1 per calendar year, fractions proportionately.
- 3. A Board of five is elected annually. Every member has five votes. The five people receiving the greatest number of votes become the Board for the year beginning July, and the one with the most votes is President.
- 4. The Board passes on appointments of all other officials and committees. Under its own rules, it has complete authority over acts of the League, and may delegate power to officials.
- 5. In the monthly or bimonthly official organ, any member may speak at reasonable length on affairs of the League, and all formal votes of Board members are given in detail.
- 6. Constitutional amendments, proposed by five members, must be approved by a majority of the members who vote in the annual election.

Respectfully submitted

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## Jack Speer

#### Addenda to President's Message

Some question has been raised as to the Constitutionality of admitting to publication of suggested Constitutions in the official organ. Question was raised concerning the article by Jack Speer because it contained such a constitution. The article was sent to Charles Tanner and Charlie asked me for an opinion. Inasmuch as the article was sent in already stencilled and forbade of any editing, the suggested Constitution could not be deleted to conform with the procedure indicated by Article VIII. Before a definite decision was reached Charlie was forced to resign. Since the material has been forwarded to me, and I in turn forwarded it to Harry Warner, Board Chairman, for his opinion.

#### President's message (cont)

Many of the points Speer brings out I am personally wholeheartedly in favor of, but I would like to point out a few things. Two facts Speer is mistaken in: (1) That the Constitution as presented to the members for vote was, I believe presented to the Directors for consideration. As Sec'y at the time I was taken into the discussions. I voiced my opinion and two changes I suggested were made. The first "rough draft" Constitution was presented to all officers and some of the older members for consideration and suggestion. After the suggestions were received the changes were noted and a list of the changes was sent out. I can't speak for all of the officers at the time, but I know that I received a copy of the changes and was asked to vote on them or to at least give my opinion. I did so. (2) A sec'y-Treas. report was included in the July, 1945 issue of the official organ. As the then official editor Speer should have been and should still be aware of what he did or didn't include in the publication.

Several criticisms can be made concerning his suggestions. As a treasurer, a few years back, did not turn the organization funds over to the succeeding treasurer and hence left the treasury in an embarassing condition, I believe that experience has shown that bonding of the treasurer is essential. The money withheld at that time still, to my knowledge, hasn't been returned to the organization. Bonding removes such a risk. The other criticisms will occur to you as you read his article through: places too much power in the hands of a few without any checks and balances, and many other points. Simplicity is a fine thing, but, if in achieving it, you surrender democratic rights and privileges it isn't worth it.

#### SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

#### 14 April 1946

I have the following gripes to get off my chest about the lack of cooperation from officers and members of this organization.

1. The board of directors, with the exceptions of Tarr and Hevelin have neglected to respond to cards sent them asking approval of new members. This had previously been done by the president in his bulletins to the BD. It was my intention to save time by sending these applications direct to the BD so prospective members would not be kept waiting while their applications went to the pres, hung around until the next bulleting wont out to the BD, answers came back to the Pres and the Pres finally notified me. The treasury would be \$10 rither and ten new mems would be on the roster instead of only two if the BD had cooperated. It took over six weeks for the latter. Laney & Fortier have not been heard from at all.

2. The membership at large has been slower than cold molasses about paying dues. A large number are still delinquent. (See list of suspensions below.)

submitted

Art Widner

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#### OFFICIAL ROSTER

The following members have been suspended for non-payment of dues:

Al Ashley	Μ.	Brown	С.	Dye	G.	Hewett
Abby Lu Ashley	H.	Browne	L.	Farsaci	J.	Hummell
F. Baker	E.	Counts	С.	Fern	N.	Kagen
N. Barrett	G.	Dallas	L.	Grunberry	R.	Kainulanen
S. Basham	W -	Daugherty	J.	Hensley	K.	Krueger
M. Latzer	W.	Liebscher	Ε.	Marshall	R.	McDonald
D. McGirr6	J.	McLeod	R.	Morgan	W.	Oswald
J. Paule	R.	Relm	D.	Rimel	0.	Saari
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V. Shawl	R.	Squires	(A	aagh, no mo	re :	superman!)
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The abovementioned are not receiving this sterling publication.

The list below is as of 14 Apr. Those marked with 50¢ owe that sum to the treasury immediately. Much addenda to the list follows.

	Ackerman, Forrest J.	Box 6151, Met Sta., Los Angeles 55, Cal.
2.	Alger, Martin	611 Washington Ave., Royal Oak, Mich.
	Alpaugh, Lloyd	RFD #4, Somerville, N.J.
4.	Anderson, Mrs Harold	Box 683, St. George, Utah.
5.	Baldwin, F Lee	Box 187, Grangeville, Idaho
6.	Barrett, Dr. C L	119 S. Madriver, Bellefontaine, Ohio
7.	Bertram, H O 50¢	4725 17th St., San Francisco 17, Calif
8.	Betts, Albert A.	Rm. 5, Strathcoma Hotel, 53 W. Hastings
	A second second second second second	St., Vancouver, BC, Canada
9.	Bone, Kent	2577 Ferris Ave., Detroit 9, Mich
	Bonnell, Kenneth H (Pvt)	50¢ Co C, Bks 8, MDets, Brooke Med Ctr
	the second s	Ft. Sam Houston, Tex.
11.	Boughton, WA	426 SW 2nd St., Ft. Lauderdale, Fla.
	Bowman, H R	273 B. St., Hillside Park, Milwaukee,
	·	Oregon.

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	Balance	\$ 82	.25
4 May 1946:	Dues received	16	.52
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12 June 1946	Dues Received	15	.50
	Balance	\$114	.27

The present issue of TNFF will cost in the vicinity of \$10.

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June 11, 1946

To the NFFF Membership Dear Fans and Fellow-members:

It is with deep regret that I write the following information to you at President Dunkelberger's request. The material herein, depicting the situation as I see it, is partly by way of explanation of recent developments in official circles.

Since the first of the year messages between the directorate and president Dunkelberger have, in certain instances, been more productive of near calumny than of intelligent thought properly directed toward the welfare of the organization. To me, with the sequence of official messages sharply in mind, it seems that Francis T. Laney has been the aggressor in an unfortunate affair which bears the mark of having been not only a hangover from last year's Dunk-Speer fracas of which most of you have probably heard.

Matters came to a head recently when Warner, whom I wholeheartedly admire, tentatively suggested that we consider disbanding the NFFF evidently because it seems, perhaps, that we are not making as much progress as might be thought possible.

Laney immediately took this consideration up, not in the spirit in which it was tendered, but in complete readiness to disband the organization. He further added the <u>personal guarantee</u> quoted in this month's president's message. (which see)

Laney's words and attitude, this year, and, in particular, in the latest official communique received from him, lead me to the belief that he has not only been anti-Dunkelberger from the inception of his term, as he threatened, but that he has further been anti-NFFF and is consequently guilty of conduct unbecoming an officer of the organization.

It is distressing to believe that a fan, any fan, would stoop to political conspiracy against the NFFF instead of helping the organization; the one organization which heretofore has lasted so long, tried so hard, and numbered on its roster so many of the old, the well-known, the well-liked names.

It's a struggle, surely. But I must reaffirm my faith in the future of the NFFF as an instrument of service to fandom.

International and democratic; not a government but an instrument for advancing our common interest.

I believe in it.

#### Dale Tarr

#### BEGINNER'S DEPARTMENT

New members who may be confused and distressed at the turmoil into which they have suddenly been thrust may send their TS cards to the editor to be punched free of charge. This will entitle them to two hours of sympathy next Sunday afternoon. The editor will appreciate it if someone will punch his card. He had to cut all 20 of these stencils in one day, and has 2 days in which to run them off. The assistance of the PSFS is expected for stapling and addressing. Milton A. Rothman 2113 N. Franklin St. Philadelphia 22, Pa

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