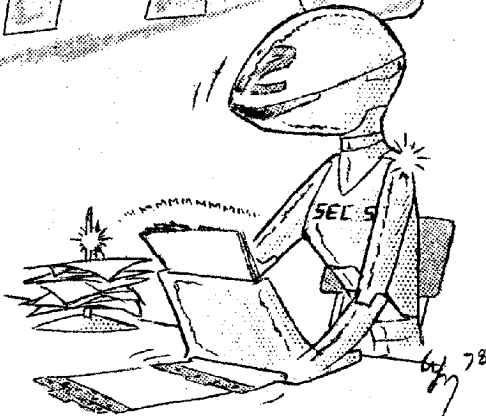
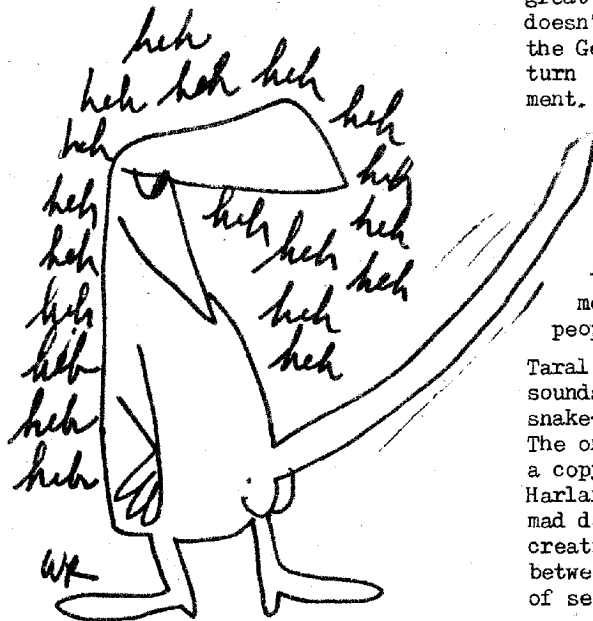


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TYPO 2, an adjunct to DNQ 9, Sept 25, © Taral 1978, 1812-415 Willowdale ave, Willowdale Ontario, m2n 5b4, (416) 221 3517. As before, all replies to letters in TYPO are by Taral, although this time Victoria is expecting it... Art, hand stenciled above by me, and below, electrostenciled, by Bill Rotsler. Supoenas should go to our Law Office, c/o Don Markstein...



BRIAN EARL BROWN - 16711 Burt rd, Detroit, Dear Victoria, you know, the more I hear about this Ellison-Markstein brouhaha, the more I wonder what sort of masochistic inclination lead fandom to choose Ellison to be honoured as the Worldcon's pro guest of honour. And it has to be masochism to explain honouring a man who's attitude towards fandom has wavered between contempt and outright hatred.

We have a couple of New Orleans fans in MISHAP, and naturally they've talked about this flap. One, a guy named Sperhawk, felt matters had gotten so out of hand by the time his contrib was printed that he went through and felt-tipped out the name of a collaborative source about the incident. However by correctly angling the light across the page, one could read that it was George Alec Effinger. And Linda Karrh, also from NOLA, also talked about it when she was up for a visit.

To them, what's important is not so much whether Ellison "wined and dined..." in Louisiana, but his reaction to Markstein's account. That can be linked to hysterical paranoia. He was incredibly abusive over the phone, and, I guess, in his letter. So much so that Markstein is apparently going to quote some of the more imaginative invective in the next RALLY!, which will be sold at Iggy. Markstein, in the meantime, is hiding out to avoid lawsuits.

It all comes about because Ellison wears his morals on his sleeve. Iggy, he says, will be a great moral inconvenience for him, but he doesn't have the guts to out-right decline the GoHship. Nor did he have the guts to turn down this Louisiana speaking engagement.

But he does have the guts to threaten lawsuits when a fan says "Uh, Harlan, you're being inconsistent." People, like Ellison and Jimmy Carter, who make a big deal about how moral they're trying to be have to be 100% beyond reproach because they're calling attention to their moral superiority. They're asking for people to discover "lust in their hearts".

Taral's conclusion on Ellison vs Markstein sounds like he was hypnotised by Ellison's snake-charmer's voice (Saruman's Voice?). The only blunder Markstein made was to send a copy to Harlan. It was foolish but ethical. Harlan, on the other hand, reacted like a mad dog kneed in the groin by rabid fandom, creating a presumably irreparable hostility between the two, and foredooming any chance of settlement short of a lawsuit.