TAP RAP by TOM EDISON

As some of you may have suspected, there has been a change of command at TAP. The founder and former editor who has kept a very low profile over the past year and who still wishes to remain anonymous, has left for greener pastures. We wish him well in whatever new field of endeavor he’s involved with now.

It has been some time since any formal TAP policy has been stated so let me start my editorial duties with a statement on TAP policy. We will try and continue to make TAP a source of information that is not available from any other source. We’ve tried to broaden our scope over the past year by reporting on political, environmental, social, and even CB radio and we will try to continue to publish even more varied subjects. We will try to be more responsive to your comments, compliments, and even criticisms. Reader apathy SUCKS!!!

If you liked a particular article or thought that it stunk, don’t just sit on your fat ass at home and do nothing. Let me hear from you! We cannot improve the quality of TAP if we get no feedback from you.

I’m happy to report that my plea in issue #41 for articles by readers has gotten results already. Joe Greyhound, Ted Vail, Agent MDA, and Kramas have submitted articles, some of which we’ve already published. Let’s hear from more of you budding young writers out there.

I know that I’ve bitched before about TAP’s renewal policy but it’s a known fact that most readers just skim over each issue and pick out for reading only the spicy articles so I’m briefly going to mention it here one more time. ALL personal checks MUST clear your bank before we process your order, so if you don’t want a delay of a few months, PLEASE send in only money orders or cashier’s checks. And if you’re renewing you MUST send me either your mailing label or a photo-copy of it. TAP is NOT responsible for ANY errors in your sub if you do not include your mailing label with your renewal!

And while I’m on the subject of renewals, whenever you’re writing about your sub, PLEASE use the name that you sub under! I won’t embarrass the idiot by printing his name here but one of our readers sent me a post card, and a rather nasty one at that, demanding to know where the hell his issues of TAP were. He signed the post card with his real name but the stupid bastard actually put under the name of “Occupant” so that when I looked for his real name on our sub list, I couldn’t find him. Only after a lot of trouble tracing by address and zip code did I find him under “Occupant”. I personally don’t give a shit what name you sub under but PLEASE use the name when ever you write to TAP.

And don’t bitch to me about how I bitched up the spelling of your name on your mailing label! You are to PRINT or TYPE YOUR NAME and ADDRESS CLEARLY or I’m NOT responsible! If I can’t read your chicken scratchin’, TUFF SHIT!!

Many readers have asked why the middle initial in their name is placed without a space between it and their first name on their mailing label such as John Q. Public which is printed as JOHNQ, PUBLIC. The reason is that our printout will not allow any break in the first name and if we tried to put a space between the first name and middle initial, the print out would not accept it so rather than lose your middle initial, it is tucked onto the end of your first name, which sometimes makes for a very amusing first name!

TAP also receives many inquiries as to the total number of subscribers that we have and even a few of you real nosy bastards want to know how much money we have in our bank account. For our security, the answers to these questions are in N. C. O. E. B.!!!

Many new subscribers are getting TAP’s address from old publications which still list our old sub rates. As a result they are only sending in half of the correct amount. We have NOT been sending them notices that they owe TAP more money. What we have been doing is to credit them with 1/2 of a subscription which means that their sub will run for 5 issues instead of the usual 10. If you get a request to renew after receiving only 2 issues it’s because you sent in only half of the correct amount.

With the reduction of our staff it is going to get harder to put out issues of quality unless we get some reader support NOW!! We have bitched for well over a year that we need volunteer help and you NYC area readers thumbed your noses at us. I have painfully accepted the fact that you NYC area readers are just too damn apathetic or lazy to drag your asses up to our office but I will NOT accept your lack of responsibility to TAP! Your commitment does NOT end with a subscription! We need writers, articles, information, ideas and a hell of a lot of monetary support! Every TAP reader should try and get at least one friend to sub to TAP.

If I continue to receive some help from a few of you more dedicated readers, I can guarantee to publish an issue every two months. If I get more articles by you readers, I will try to publish an issue every month. If I get no help from you readers, you can just scratch your asses and wait until I do get some help. 1977 is the year we either make or break TAP!

I am going on record here and state that if I do not receive sufficient help, I WILL FOLD TAP AT THE END OF THIS YEAR!!!

I am running out of those little cute newspaper fillers that we use on the back page of TAP right next to your mailing label. I would appreciate it very much if you would be on the lookout for any fillers in your home town papers that you feel would interest other readers. Send them to TAP c/o Tom Edison. PLEASE mark on the back of the filler the name of the publication that the filler came from and the date it appeared so we can give full credit.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

THE 77 TAP T-SHIRTS ARE NOW HERE!!!

This year the shirts are black with white TAP logo. Since some of you readers bitched last year about the fact that the mail drop address of TAP was also on the T-shirts and you didn’t want to become a walking advertisement for TAP’s mail drop, we did NOT put TAP’s address on the T-shirts this year. When you order a T-shirt, PLEASE specify size: S, M, L, XL. TAP’s cost the same as last year’s: $4. How’s that for a non-inflationary price?

This issue marks the return of our “Letters From Readers” column. If you have a particular problem or you have run across something you would like to share with our readers, let us hear from you. I encourage readers who have solutions to other reader’s problems to write to us with your suggestions. You never know when you may need help!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TAP! Six years old on May 1, 1977.

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GET DOWN! by TOM EDISON

The latest news is that we finally decided to move into a new location. We're getting ready to open the doors on our new office, which will be a big improvement over our current place. We're looking forward to the new digs and the fresh start it will bring.

...and enjoy! Many of your favorite listeners will be joining us for the opening ceremony. We hope you can make it.

Many of our listeners have asked for more information on the new location. We're happy to provide it. Please visit our website for details on the new address and hours. We look forward to seeing you soon!

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The new location will be open to the public for tours beginning August 15th. We encourage you to visit and join us in celebrating this exciting new chapter in our history.

Thank you for your support and for being a part of our community. We're excited to see where our new location will lead us.
RENTING A NEW APARTMENT

by Arent MDA

Chairman Mao Tse-Tung had the right idea for dealing with the misery and suffering that was caused by China's parasitic landlord class - he had the uncooperative landlords hang by the neck from nearby lemon posts. People who have to rent apartments in America still have to pay a huge and sometimes unbearable portion of their income, plus have to put up with the landlords oppressive rules and regulations. Until our own liberation happens there are a few tricks that can be used to frustrate the landlords.

When renting or leasing an apartment always use an alias name. Use the same alias with the utility companies if the utilities aren't included in the rent. You can receive your mail in your real name at your new apartment or at a rented P.O. Box or private mail receiving box. If you can't pay your rent or have to split on the lease, at least you won't suffer any consequences from the pigs and courts, who are the lackeys for the landlords and other ruling class oppressors.

If the inquisitive landlord wants references, list some phony ones from out of state - as far away as possible. You can tell the parasite landlord that you never rented before because you lived with your parents or friends if he/she wants your previous landlord's address.

One of the benefits of renting your apartment in an alias name is that you can pick up some freebies when you move. If the apartment is furnished you can take some of the better pieces along with you. If it's not furnished, rent some furniture and take it with you. Typewriters, TVs, tools, phone equipment, etc., can be rented or ordered under your alias name and sent to your alias rental address. If the business and/or landlord wants ID, have some phony ID ready to show them. You can bring along your lease when renting equipment and use your phony landlord as a personal reference. Another benefit is that should a bust ever come down at your pad you can say that you were just visiting or are staying temporarily with the person who rents the apartment.

Renting under an alias name gives one security, privacy, and the freedom to move whenever one wants without punishment. Keep your freedom to move by using an alias.

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POLICE CALL - POLICE.

PICKUP DIRECTORY

1. Call directory office.

INTERNATIONAL CALLS

1. Call directory office.

PAY TELEPHONE

1. Call directory office.

POLICE CALL - POLICE.

FIRE AND EMERGENCY

1. Call directory office.

RADIO DIRECTORY

1. Call directory office.

There are many other frequencies which are not listed in these books, such as those used by the Drug Enforcement Agency, FBI, Border Patrol, etc. which we'd like to know. Most are in the 108-170 mhz range. Get your ears on, good buddy!

Magnesium Pemolin (brand name Cyclerl) is a memory drug which has been finally released as a prescription item. But that's still a hassle. We'd like a simple recipe starting with available chemicals.

Spy camera - the Soviet FDL, manufactured at Riga, looks like a fine wristwatch, is practically undetectible, takes excellent pictures. Can be used for microfilming.

TELEPHONE CATS

The Cat Who Called Long Distance

Abby, pet cat of Mr. and Mrs. Frank DeCaire of Detroit, knocked the telephone off the hook while Mrs. DeCaire was speaking on the outstation phone. That left the line open for twenty hours, bringing a phone bill of $107.

The Cat Who Wanted Dinner

Meatball, pet cat of a butcher in Newark, N.J., grew hungry one day when the shop was closed. He knocked the phone off its cradle, stuck his nose up against the mouthpiece and made what a telephone operator interpreted as groans of pain. The operator called the police, who located the owner and got him to open the shop. The butcher gave Meatball his dinner, then told police he was certain that Meatball had planned the whole thing.

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