Hi there everyone!

Am I late with this newsletter? If I am, blame it onto the National Emergency, it gets blamed for most things. To all those who celebrated it, hope you had a good Christmas, and to everyone, Have a good year... and to youwho in Bonnie Scotland, hope you had a right rave up at Hogmany.

Well, it looks like we'll have a good year, what with the hini-Con in March, and the 1st British Star Trek Convention later in the year at the Abbey Motor Hotel. Full details on that should be available at the mini-con, so you can take your registration form home with you. Remember, the earlier you book the cheaper it will be.

There are still a few places left for the Mini-con. You have all been sent registration forms, but if you need more, let me know. Darn the train-drivers for being on strike, but let's hope "Phase Three" suits them before march 23rd! There will be lots of goodies you are never likely to even clap eyes on again, so don't miss the opportunity. In addition, there will be £50 of club funds going to New York and the International Star Trek Convention, which will be spent on everything you are ever likely to want... and it will ALL be at the mini-con in March! The artwork alone is worth seeing, and with Teresa Wilby and Linda herryfield attempting to cut sandwhiches, the buffet will be out of this world! (No, honest, they're quite good really. They've been practising for 1½ light years.) The Vicar says he might "Pop in" too... now there's a treat worth waiting for... and for a very special treat, there might be a guest appearence of POOH-Dog!You've heard about her... you've read about her, and now, by gum, you're going to SEE her! (If her paws are cleam.)

As most of you know by know, me, (That's Jenny,) Terry(That's me better half) and Margaret Bertram are going to the ISTCon in New York on February 15th...At least we're going if the fuel lasts out. Kiss an Arab and pray some-one told me, but I don't know many Arabs. We have been asked by several of you if we could take over gifts for various stars. I'm sorry to say this will be impossible, as our luggage weight is restricted, but if any of you would like to contribute towards the cost of club gifts to each of the special guests, we will buy them, and add your name to the list. Special guests as far as I know are; DeForest kelley George Takei, Walter Koenig, Nichelle Nichols, DC Fontana and Isaac Asimov. There will be a full report of the convention in the next newsletter...or a report of waiting at Gatwick airport for a Plane with no Petrol.

Well, that's about all for now...isn't that enough? Hope you all enjoy the newsletter. Pooh dog has just said she thinks someone is talking about her...shut up, you lot, you'll giver her painful ear'oles.!

Jenny and Heather.

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## GERLAN STAR TREK TITLES.

By Larriane Jielesch.

Requium for Methuselah... Stone and Dust.

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# THE BANKED EPISODES.

It does not look likely that we will ever get to see the three banned episodes of Star Trek on BBC television, as they have recently said so, (Again,), adding that neither will they be willing to show them at a later time than the scheduled episodes. To all of us, their attitude is very strange, to say the least. We in England boast that we have no censorship, yet because the BeeB, in their Almighty wisdom. ha ha... decide that an adult programme be condemned forever in an early veiwing slot, we are denied these episodes. It is only with our insistance that this situation can be changed. Write to the BBC. as many letters as you can. Explain the obvious, that Star Trek is NOT a kiddie programme, and that we are adult enough to watch what we want to see. Be polite, but FIRM. Write Mr Vivian hcCoby, BBC, Room 311, Union House, 65/69, Shepherds Bush Green, London, W12 7RJ. Write now! Write often!

Of the banned episodes, Beryl Waters writes:

"I have just read the synopses of the three banned episodes. The Empath is bloodthirsty, but surely, all three could be shown later in the evening. It really needs a concerted effort on the part of all Star Trek lovers to get these episodes seen. We are not children, and I feel very strongly about this forcible banning. The most obscene thing I ever saw on BBC was what was left of some-one being literally swept up in full camera veiw after the bombing of a Belfast bus station... and that was on the 6 o-clock news, when young children were undoubtedly watching."

"Too many people like to play God with our lives.I certainly don't want them playing God with my entertainment. I am quite mature, and capable of censoring my own viewing. Anyway, only an idiot would term Star Trek as a children's programme. It's far too deep for kids, and believe me, there is far more violence on ITV in Banacek, Madigan, and all the westerns."

Words to get you going? We hope so. URITH NOW, WRITE OFTEN, show Aunty BeeB that they cannot censor what we want to see, and get away with it quite so easily.

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## WOT STAG'S GOT.

(Or will have in the near future.)

MINITON. MARCH 23rd. WIGSTON, LEICESTER.

As mentioned in the newsletter, there are still a few places available. We advise you to book before the closing date, 1st February, when we will sell the few remaining registrations to local people. Don't miss this great opportunity to wallow in Star Trek and stroke the Pooh.

70 OPHICUS A great zine for 20p only! On sale NOW! It's a limited edition, so hurry, don't be left out! An all-story zine of the crew in their pre-Enterprise days. Stories by Heather Lennon, Phyl Proctor, Beryl Waters and Jenny Elson, about Spock, Kirk, Uhura, Sulu, Chekov and Scotty. Get yours now!

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BETA NIOBE 2. OUT SOON! What you've all been waiting for! It's bigger! It's better! It's the greatest thing this side of Star Trek! Our own club zine, containing many stories from new contributors and from your old favourites too. Sequal to "Snowflower." Further adventures of the zany nurse, Cathy King, part one of a serial by Roseanne O'Kane, a beautiful sequel to "Paradise Syndrome" by...you've guessed it... Chris PS Jones, a lovely story about hcCoy by hararet Wade, the strange tale of a female Spock by Ann Wignore, and the "Gansis Equation" by Helen McCarthy...not forgetting hcCoy's regular letter to his daughter. All this and more packed into one great zine.

## WATCH YOUR LANGUAGE.

By Jenny Elson. (Wot wrote the tother.)

Her mighty Empire fallen; the sun set, but hardly in splendour; the fervour gone...burned out in a war in which her "Allies" declared themselves neutral until a good half way through. And old age, settling like a heavy weight in all of her creaky bones. Every dog must have it's day, and let's face it, England has nost certainly had hers.

But the old dog is not done yet. She won't lie down. So wuch of her past has been woven into the intricacies of the world that she will never be banished for good. There is still so much to offer future generations, not the least of these being her Denocracy, remarkably incorrupt in a wak world of corruptness, and her language. These two things will endure into the future, even when Britain has become a faceless part of Europe; living, breathing things which Time will never extinguish...

Except, that is, within the universe of Star Trek. We English should be mad with rage, and yet in typical English fashion, and with typical English upper lip we raise not a single nurner. Ash well! One of these days we'll truly nurder ourselves.

Let us consider; The English Language of Star Trek(Ir rather, it's corruption) is one of the biggest nightwares. If everyone in that far distant future will speak with a Transatlantic twang(And even Chekov and Scotty do this) then I for one am glad I won't be around. Where are the lovely rounded English vowel-sounds of the South, the softness of the West, the lilting-poetry of Wales, and the quaintness of the North? Wiped out forever in some as yet unfought war? Gone forever and decayed beneath the welter of American slang? In Star Trek, yes, because we were too complacent to complain.

One must presume that the differences of nationality have been wiped out and everyone is the deadly, boring same... Apart from some shallow token gestures; Chekov's "Accent", Scotty's "Brogue." America rules! That is the creators eternal cry, at least linguistically. From the far reaches of our galaxy to our own front doorstep(If Scotty's accent is anything to go by) Aliens and humans alike all have a life-sized All-American Accent... even peoples never before contacted; even Spock, who would have surely learned English the correct and most precise way he could.

Does it really matter? Yes, of course it does, unless we want to see our heritage and our beautiful language become the slum of the stars.

DO YOU COLLECT STAMPS? Then why not send for a selection of Great Britain and Commonwealth on 10 days approval. Reasonably prived to suit all pockets. Write T.J.Elson, (Nember of ADPS & UDPA) 16, Stafford Drive, Wigston, Leicester.

# FINANCES. (Treasurers report year-end. '73.)

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(Sorry about last sentence of treasurers report. My fingers slipped!)

## LITTLE THINGS.

Sent in by <u>Phyl Proctor;</u>
"Logic is only the art of going wrong with confidence."
Sent in by <u>Margaret Bertram</u>; (A letter in "Woman.")

"Recently, when I congratulated an old gentleman on reaching his 90th birthday, I asked him to what he attributed his longevity. I thought he might say abstention from drink, or smoking, or women, but his reply shook me.

"You've got to have long ears, Boy!" he said, and removed his cap to give me a better view of his. They really were extraordinarily long!"
Also from <u>Margaret</u>, who is wondering if the "Enterprise" is responsible; (Letter in Evening News.)

"The crew of a police patrol car reported that they saw a bright flash in the sky over Knightsbridge, followed by a loud explosion during the night.

But today, Scotland Yard said; "It is all something of a mystery."
"The officers checked the area but could find no trace of anything unusual."

Part of the road surface in Knightsbridge was found to be damaged, but there was no clue as to it's cause."

Janet Quarton of Lodge Cottage, Bury Farm, Pednor Road, Chesham, Bucks HP5 2JU would like to get in touch with anyone who could lend her Star Trek scripts, in exchange for her own copies.

Lynne Bates of 66, Newland Drive, Scunthorpe, Lincs, DN15, 7HP would like copies of "The Making of Star Trek" and "The World of Star Trek". She will pay any reasonable price for copies in good condition.

STAG would like congratulate <u>Barbie Raphael</u> on her marriage to Alan, who has promised to take her for Star Trek or worse! Her name is now Bowerman. We hope you'll be very happy, Barbie.

# HAVE A LAUGH! READ THE STAR TREK ANNUALS.

Indulging in my first-ever read of a Star Trek Annual the other day, I had a right good giggle...in fact, Pooh-Dog thought I'd gone quite mad. (Mind you, she's not far off either, which is beside the point.) But after my little giggle, I became quite (for me) serious, and made a quick list of just some of the mistakes which occur in the annuals over and over again. Quite obviously, no-one in the production of these books have ever seen Star Trek. Maybe it's about time people stopped jumping on the Strek bandwaggon if they can't be bothered to do the thing properly. Bad commercialism is bad for Star Trek. Here are just a few of the mistakes, with compliments of World Distributors (Manchester) Ltd.

"Great Zounds!" Quoth Spock, and "Shades of Vulcan!"...(Will it be "Knickers!" next year? I can't wait to see!)

Scotty...poor guy what has he been up to? Maybe Janice Rand dyed his hair, cos it's BLONDE in the ST Annual! He also wears a green shirt, as does AcCoy. Maybe they ran out of blue and red.

Poor old Spock has been demoted in one story...no bands on his sleeve. However, cheer up! In the following story he's had quick promotion, and is sporting no less than three sleeve-bands. Always knew he was gunning for Kirk's job...And what is he doing wearing a watch? Must ask him if he brought British and Timex.He also appears to like his dwinky-winkles as much as Scotty. I caught him knocking it back 5 times in two annuals. Could this wicked habit be his darkest secret?

The "Enterprise" is in one helluva mess, kids!...but what can you expect when they insist on putting McCoy in command everytime Spock and Kirk leave for some crackpot planet or other? I mean, Bones might be a good physician (Which I doubt anyway) but he's not exactly the feller to leave in command of a starship, is he? Personally, I like the meteors which come whizzing through the hull into the bridge. Nearly fell down laughing at that. I wonder how they did stuff up the holes and prevent decompression and immeadiate loss of oxygen? Maybe McCoy had some thermal concrete left from his healing job on Horta. There are a whole conglomeration of things, which Scotty (Blonde or normal) would have great difficulty in identifying. After burners, Teleportation Chambers and Tiantianium to name but a few.

Even Uhura doesn't escape. She's been dipped in bleach for one thing and is now white. She can somehow summon up immeadiate, no-wait messages from Earth, uses a space radio, and says daft things like "Roger" which is worse than "All hailing frequencies open."

The crew have posh leather holsters for their phasers. They attack by ray(And all the aliens are socoonasty!) and they read books instead of cassettes, and speak "Esparanta", an interplanetary language.

There is one good thing...all the seats on the bridge are fitted with saftely belts....

So if, at any time, you should hear Spock or Kirk whispering to himself; "Klunk click, every trip, " you'll know that they are having belts fitted to the real Enterprise! Twill save a lot of bruises!

## WHAT YOU SAY.

About kirk/Spock relationship...Yeah, STILL!

Chris Gormley; A lot of people seem to have one-track minds! If you had said that Spock loved his mother, no-one would have bothered. It's about time everyone realised all the different kinds of love that can exist. Karen Gilmurray; You certainly caused a stir with your Kirk/Spock relationship. It's an interesting idea, and when you think of what Spock does on occasions, quite possible.

Ann Wigmore; What I understand by Spock being in love with kirk is a full and complete evaluation of the Captain's character in relation to Spock himself. Spock is able to relate to Kirk, unconsciously bestowing the emotions he is unable to express to his father onto the captain. That is my opinion of the strange and beautiful relationship between Lirk and Spock.

Pat Jenkins; I don't think a man has to be Vulcan to love another man... and I don't mean a sexual love.

Kay Houston; So many episodes prove this love. "No greater love has any man than he lay down his life for his friend."

About the Americanisation of Star Trek;

Phyl Proctor; Agree with you about the lack of xxfair representation of races, and the Almighty-American Dream.

hargaret Bertram; Let me thank you for your article on Star Trek. How true this is! But knowing how the Americans have to watch their step with sponsers, that explains a lot. That American chauvanism makes Kirk the prig he is...when you really study him, completely colourless. Like so many "All American boys", who nearly all look as if they have been manufactured instead of born. Straight off the assembly line!

Ann Wigmore; At last!! Someone has said the very thing which I dislike most about Star Trek...the idea that the world will be just another American colony! That's the reason why I loathe "The Omega Glory" so much. It's a good story, but the transparent American nationalism makes me feel ill. A battered Stars and Stripes; a shaky rendition of their National Anthem...it's nauseating. I suppose England sank without trace like Atlantis in Star Trek time. I mean, it comes to something when even aliens have Americans accents.

Lynne Bates; I agree with everything you said, although I suppose being the brain-child of an American gives them some rights, but not to the extent of excluding other races being cast in key roles.

Also much appreciated were the two articles about Star Trek in Germany, by Marriane Jielesch, and "Paradise Syndrome" by Chris Jones.

Thanks to all who have sent letters. Don't forget, keep sending them!

# ANNOUNCING! TWO GREAT NEW CLUBS!

THE NORTH AMERICAN STAR TREK CLUB.

President; John Leak.

Address; 77, Summerhouse Way,

Abbots Langley,

Hertfordshire. WD5 ODX.

The club aims to revive STAR TREK and act as an information centre. It will keep members informed of all developements by sending out regular bulletins and newsletters. Everyone interested in STAR TREK is invited to join.

Membership rates; UK. 60p yearly.

USA \$1..50.

This is going to be a really worthwhile club in Great Britain, as John has many contacts in the USA and Canada. It's a venture worth sharing in. Please write to John for details re joining. There is a lot being planned, get in from the start!

WILLIAM SHATNER ENTERPRISES. (The ONLY authorised club for Bill in G.B.) President: Chris PS Jones.

Address; 222, Manchester Road,

Heaton Norris,

Stockport,

Cheshire.

Shatner fans, join WSE now for an active part in this new club for Bill Shatner! And all you other lot, join too, you won't be disapointed, and you may just be in for a real nice surprise, and it will worth joining to honour William Shatner, not just as Captain Kirk, but as a man and an actor. Many good things are planned, including a big newsletter every two months in which there will be news, veiws, articles, stories and pics, and also a yearbook, which will be well worth reading.

Membership rates; 80p.

We wish Chris a lot of luck with this exciting new venture, and hope that the Shatner Flame will soon be burning brightly in the United Kingdom!

(Both of these clubs will have tables at the March mini-con...Jenny.)

STERB. One of the wowiest clubs in GB. Wota lot yer get folks! Write John Hind, 14, Bingham Road, Radcliffe On Trent, Notts. See 'em at the mini-con!

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JAMES DOOHAN INTERNATIONAL FAN CLUB Jim is great! His club is fantastico! Write Anna Hreha, 1519, NW 204th Street, Seattle, Washington, X98177, USA. Mention STAG. For the best Fan club this side of Venus, join Jim's club NOW...you can join Jim later in the year at the 1st British Star Trek. Convention. Oper!

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Lot 17. American ST Comic book. "Cosmic Cavemen" and others.
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NEXT STAG AUCTION WILL BE IN MAY. PLEASE SEND LOTS TO BE AUCTIONED BY APRIL 30th.

## IMPORTANT NOTICE!

The BBC have recently stated that they do not intend to repeat STAR TREK again! They have stated this/before... WE changed their minds, and if we ever want to see Star Trek again, we must make extra special efforts to see that it is returned. 8 million watch Star Trek every week, so there is still a massive demand for it!

THIS IS OUR ONLY CHANCE!

If you want to see Spock, Kirk, AcCoy, Scotty and the rest of them ever again, we must strike now, and hard.

THIS IS WHAT WE MUST DO!

Write as many letters as you possibly can to the BBC...four a week if possible, and if you can't afford the postage, STAG will give it to you. Organise your friends and relatives to write...or write the letters for them and get them to sign them. Get your American, German and Australian friends to write to the BBC on our behalf. We must aim at showering the BecB with at least 4,000 letters by LAY. Don't give up; they will long before us!

Just follow these simple rules;

Be polite, but firm. Do NOT mention STAG or any other Star Trek club, but write as an interested individual. Type or write neatly. Do NOT write cute letters, funny poems, etc. Do NOT write slogans on the back of your envelope, or use picture stamps and stickers of any kind. Your letters will just end up unread in the waste-bin! Just address your envelope in the usual way, without embellishments. Do not send "Petitions." They are counted as one letter. 

THE ADDRESS:

Miss Sheelagh Mullins, BBC, Union House, 65/69 Shepherds Bush Green, London. Also to Mr Roy Williams, Television Enterprises and Paramount Television. (Same address.)

Write today! Write every day! Keep a note of how many letters you write, and be on your honour to be truthful. The STAG nepper to have written the most will recieve a special "Thankyou" Kxxx from the NY Convention, so send in your tally just before the mini-con.

Don't forget, Get Star Trek back! Write write!

## BRIEF EXCHANGES.

Compiled by Chris Jones.

## Bread and circuses:

AcCoy; Logic? hedical men are trained in logic, Ar Spock.

Spock; Really, doctor, I had no idea you were trained. Watching you, I assumed it was trial and arror.

#### DEADLY YEARS.

McCoy; I'm not a magician, Spock, just an old country doctor.

Spock; Yes, as I always suspected.

## OBSESSION:

Spock; I need your advice.

McCoy: Then I need a drink!

## Trouble WITH TRIBBLES.

(Kirk, surrounded by tribbles, is glaring at AcCoy.)

IncCoy; Well don't look at me, it's the tribbles who are breeding!

#### ULTIMATE COMPUTOR:

hcCoy; Did you see the lovelight in Spocks eyes? The right computor finally came along!

## FRIDAY'S CHILD.

ELeen; McCoy! Bring our child!

Kirk; (Alarmed.) OUR child???

IncCoy; I'll explain later.

That should prove very interesting.

#### THE APPLE.

Ancoy; (Annoyed.) Well I don't agree with you at all, Spock!

Spock; (Calm.) That's not unusual, Doctor.

# BREAD AND CIRCUSES.

ArcCoy; Watch! Just once I'd like to be able to land someplace and say: "Behold, I am the Archangel Gabriel!"

Spock; I fail to see the humour of the situation, Doctor.

AcCoy: Naturally. You could hardly claim to be an angel with those pointed ears, hr Spock, but say you landed someplace with a pitchfork ...?

## JOURNEY TO BABEL:

(The final scene, in Sickbay. Kirk and Spock, with Spock's father, are the patients.)

Spock; Doctor, I think I'll return to my station now.

McCoy; You ARE at your station, Er Spock!

kirk; Dr hcCoy, I believe you're enjoying all this! Spock; Indeed, Captain. I have never seen him look so happy.

LcCoy; SHUT UP! Sssshhh! ssshhh..... Well, what do you know? I finally got the last word!

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GOOD NEWS FOR SPOCK/LEOMARD NIMOY FANS: "Mr Spock's husic from Outer Space" is now available in most Debanham stores, and many newsagent shops. Label; Rediffusion. No; ZS 156. Price 71p. Hurry! They are never in the racks for long!

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