

FIREMAIL

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MAYBE THE LAST.....

If you've seen the new issue of Stone (#120) then you know about the "random notes" article regarding Firesign Theatre's split. Stone says they're splitting up, but as David Ossman told me the other day "...TFT is now on extended sabbatical." This may well mean that "NOT INSANE" (see below) is Firesign's last album as a "group" but it could also mean more creations from the individuals as just that...individuals; solo artists. Already, Phil P. has been on a well known CBS series, he's done the Ralph Story TV show, he's in the movie "A Safe Place," he's even done a dish soap ad! David and Tiny are doing a radio show in Santa Barbara every Sunday known as "The Rainbow Cafe." Peter is building a new house up in Mendocino and Phil A. is working on his music and was producer-in-charge on "NOT INSANE." Now maybe this will be the last effort from Firesign, but let's hope not. More info next time.

REAL SCI-FI COVER.....

The new album is near! Firesign's latest will be called "NOT INSANE, OR ANYTHING YOU WANT TO" and will be out by November 1st. The album is primarily a live performance, including elements recorded at Columbia University; KPFK during "Martian Space Party"; and again at KPFK during the "Let's Eat" series. There are two basic "stories" (or transmissions) going on (or being received): "Anything You Want To" by Shakespierre and "Young Guy Motor Detective" by Toyko TV. George Papoon, The President, Walter, The Lizard and other phantasms and dreamonsters drift past. There's a certain amount of music done in the studio, primarily as background tracks. The entire thing concludes with Papoon's nomination and blastoff.

The cover photo on the new album is sort of a Japanese sci-fi movie set with TFT fleeing from the dreamonsters portrayed by TFT. Really, the dreamonsters are photographic "dolls" or cutouts in small scale compared to life-size people. The title lettering is in red oriental. The back cover is in black and white and has Olde English lettering with portraits of Firesign in their Shakespeare drag.

MSP AT LAST.....

A distributor has been found for Firesign's short film "Martian Space Party." It will be going out to colleges and others all over the United States with another film, "Reefer Madness." The movie just mentioned is a 1936 anti-pot flick coming around for the second time.

So with the new album and "MSP" people will be able to associate one with another and vice versa. Be on the lookout for both!

HAPPY TRAILS.....

I shall return, but when I don't know. Let us all enjoy the new album and movie, then take it from there. Keep writing as I enjoy doing the same. So until next time, this is Dr. Firemail, I'm out to lunch!

Doctor Firemail