

# FIREMAIL

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## Hiya Friends!

After almost four months the old Doctor is back on the freeway again (which is already in progress) with news on the Krazy Guys. Quite a bit has been going on and I would have reported it sooner but my work with a new radio station has taken up most of my time. What follows is the Firesign news to date.

## Two New Albums

Phil Proctor and Peter Bergman are finishing an album that they recorded during the last several months. The title is "T.V. OR NOT T.V." and is scheduled for release very soon. According to one Mr. Punter, the theme of the album is about broadcasts over cable television in the year 1985. The two main characters are Fred Flamm and Clark Cable. A tour based on "T.V. OR NOT T.V." will begin after the album's release. The tour will be a "video vaudeville" with many songs, including "The Communist Love Song" which was on the original "Space Party" broadcast of last year. I will report on the tour schedule next time.

Phil Austin is in the process of putting together an album of his music. No more information is available at this time except that he is being helped by an old Firesign Dear Friend, Cyrus Faryar. As more Austin LP info comes along I'll report it.

## Hot Roach

David Ossman (who is also thinking of doing an album) has formed a film operation known as Hot Roach Productions. The first movie feature will be called "Mercedes Savoy" and will star, among others, Tiny Ossman and Annalee Austin. Filming may start in a few months, possibly in the Santa Barbara area. Progress report next time if any news comes along.

## TFT Back in Sept.

Firesign, after a brief disagreement, have decided to do a new album this September. Phil Proctor says one possible script to be used could be an early work, "The Giant Rat of Sumatra." Now it's finally known that "Not Insane" is not the last TFT group effort. If you wish to comment on "Not Insane" or any other Firesign album, then please write me, I'd like to hear from you.

## Etc.

Phil Proctor appeared in a picture feature in T.V. GUIDE recently regarding a pilot he did for the Diana Rigg Show....Proctor's appearance in "A Safe Place" was viewed once more as that film was shown again in many cities....Mr. P can also be seen in a commercial for Joy dish soap, and even in an old commercial where he drives a Triumph Spitfire....David and Tiny Ossman, just returning from a trip to London, will probably resume their Sunday radio show "Rainbow Cafe" which is broadcast from Santa Barbara.

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## Unreleased TFT Tapes

I have sent a four-hour compilation of "rare" Firesign tapes to Phil Proctor in order to get their approval by all of TFT and the people at Columbia. If the tapes are approved I will announce the distribution plans next time. The material includes a concert Firesign did at Yale in 1970; excerpts from "Martian Space Party;" core "Dear Friends" and "Let's Eat;" and Proctor/Austin on L.A. television.

## Papoon Anyone?

As collector's items or for the next big election, you can still get buttons and bumper stickers based on Firesign themes. "PAPOO FOR PRESIDENT--NOT INSANE" or "TAKE OFF YOUR SHOES FOR INDUSTRY" buttons/stickers can be purchased in quantity (at least five of each/total 20) for \$1.00, the average postage cost. Send more money and I'll stuff the envelope as much as I can.

## Mailing List

If you wish to stay on the FIREMAIL list please send 75¢ in postage stamps and/or coin. I want to keep operating, but without money I can not. Your help is very much appreciated. From the City of Fine Luzak,

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