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Dear Friends:

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The second printing of the NA Book is progressing according to the time schedule outlined in the last NEWSLINE. The printer should have them in our possession by the First of September. To date we have pre-sold 1,225 copies and orders arrive each day. We have sent follow-up letters to those pre-sold orders to advise them of the progress and to identify address changes and address corrections. These follow-up letters will continue for new orders that we receive up to three weeks prior to arrival of the books.

The Conference in May directed that WSO print covers at our expense for the books previously printed and sold. This is in the printers shop and will be available to us in a few weeks. We will be sending a notice during August to addresses on record of book purchasers asking where the book cover should be sent. If you know of someone who does not receive our letter by the end of August, have them write to us about it.

Attached is a revised ORDER FORM. Copy it and give it maximum distribution within the Fellowship. There are some price changes. All of the items on the price list are currently in stock except the next edition of the Book and the World Directory. All orders will be mailed not later than the day after receipt of the order.

We have changed key tag manufacturers. The new company provides the same product at a lesser cost. The WSO Board directed that the saving be passed on to you.

New instructions on the ORDER FORM specify purchases from outside the U.S. be made by cashiers check or money order drawn in U.S. Currency. This has been done to correct an income loss from these purchases. Each check received from outside the U.S. drawn on a personal account or a company account in a foreign bank requires our bank to have a special collection made against the bank on which the check is written. This costs WSO between \$5 and \$15 an order. Add in the differences in exchange rate and WSO frequently receives only \$22 on a purchase of \$40. On top of this you must add the increased shipping cost and you begin to understand the problem. The solution does not cost the non-U.S. purchaser any great additional expense.

We included on the ORDER FORM the available taped speeches. Many of these are excellent and might make a positive contribution to your group meetings.

On previous order forms the World Directory was listed and considerable funds were received for orders. It has been the practice of substituting other items to replace the value of the Directory ordered. We will from this date, discontinue that practice and begin to establish a back order system for all orders of the Directory.

The WSO Board has instructed that a draft Directory be available in sufficient copies to mail to regions and area service committees for checking the accuracy of the meeting data, by August first. This draft will be in the mail by that date with a letter asking for correction to be received not later than September 1, 1983. Any corrections received after September 1st or notices of new meetings received after that date will not be in the printed edition available in October 1983. Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated. Your responses to my request for input was very helpful and informative. All input was delivered to the WSO Board.

You will notice on the ORDER FORM the inclusion of a requirement for payment of a sales tax required by California Law. Failure of WSO to collect this tax in the past is a problem currently being rectified with the appropriate state agency. Many states require payment of sales tax and the circumstance of WSO and the N.A. Fellowship being non-profit does not exempt us from having to report and pay the tax. It is a matter of rendering unto Caesar what is Caesar's.

This ORDER FORM will change again in October to include return address printed on the form and a questionnaire about the distribution patterns of the group or area purchasing the material.

During the past weeks we found another pile of purchase orders that we cannot find evidence of having been paid. Most of these shipments were for books that were obtained at the conference by conference participants. The total dollar value of this pile is \$16,000. That would bring the total outstanding purchase order file to about \$38,000. We did send out letters to the first batch (\$22,000) and have received over \$2,000 in payments and another \$2,300 was cleared by groups and individuals sending copies of their checks. We have kept to the announced policy of not sending orders for which payment has not been received that exceed \$100.00. The Board of WSO confirmed this policy at their last meeting.

A request was sent this week to each RSR asking they send to WSO a map showing the area that is considered part of their region. We need this information in order for us to accurately communicate to the regions and area committees information we get from groups that get started in that area and register with us. In the past this has not been done, but we believe it is a service that will strengthen the fellowship and the administrative value of the region and the structure of N.A.

In an effort to assist the N.A. Way Magazine grow, the WSO Board directed a letter be sent to the past subscribers of the WSO VOICE indicating that if they will send \$10.00 for a subscription to the Magazine the WSO will credit the \$5.00 they sent to WSO for the VOICE subscription several years ago. Over \$1,000 has been held in that account and no new issues of the VOICE were prepared. This should add at least 150 new subscribers to your magazine. As a matter of information, in keeping with the instruction of the WSC-83, the NA Way Magazine Committee and the WSO have been working together in the orderly transition on some of the production duties to the WSO. The WSO address is now the correct address for all subscriptions for the magazine and other official communications. We have arranged to forward any information and material that is related to editorial and contributions to the content. The Committee leadership will still be responsible for content its layout and preparation.

As with every mail order operation, the WSO gets some of the mail back that we sent out. Each month in the NEWSLINE we will include a list of the MISSING PERSONS, for whom we have some article they purchased. Here is the missing persons list at this time:

The following individuals ordered and paid for books or other merchandise

but the package came back in the mail. If anyone knows where to reach these individuals, have them contact us:		Moose Jaw,
Luther Smith	Columbus, OH	Dale McCechnie Saskatchewan
Linda Gray	Pendelton, OR	Danny Klein Del Mar, CA
A.S. Cinnkyind	Covington, KY	Grant Killorn Reading, PA
Dawn Henderson	Westallis, WI	Gary Wink Roch., PA
Michael Brown	Eureka, CA	Lori Linenko Leig Harbor, WA
Don Dykma	Chicago, ILL	Bill Kenedy Watson, AL
Sat. Nite Step GP	W. Palm Beach FL	Clean Conn. Mt. Vernon, WA
Sharon Bonita	Alameda, CA	Fire-n-Freedom Portland, OR
Kirk Shugars	FPO San Francisco, CA	Freedom Group Detroit Lakes MN
Shannon Griffin	Henderson, NV	Pat Smith Moline, ILL
Ray Phillips	Ft. Worth, TX	NWIASC of Hammond, IN
Winnie E.	Victoria, BC	Ron Herrick Wiwona, MN
New Freedom GP	Vicksberg, MS	

Another something missing...some of the long time members of NA that we need to get into contact with. In later paragraphs of this NEWSLINE you will read a summary of the problems pertaining to copyright release for all literature that is circulated within the Fellowship, no matter what form the item takes and how limited its distribution. A more immediate problem are the authors and subjects of some of the stories that are being circulated by the WSC Literature Sub-Committee. Upon advise of legal counsel, it is important that we find these past contributors to literature and obtain the required release from them so their stories can become approved literature.

If you know the name and address of any of these contributors, let us know and we will communicate with them to obtain the required release. Here is the list: Hell-N-Back; I Felt Helpless; It Won't Bet Any Worse; My Gratitude Speaks; Us From Down Under; It Won't Always Be Like This; Long Distance Recovery; Early Services; Institutional Story; I kept Coming Back; No Excuse for Loneliness; Relapse and Return; The War is Over.

Before going onto the dry subject of the release of copyright, Bob R., WSC Chairman has advised us to be ready to distribute the first Fellowship Report next week (about the time most of you get this).



We also have in the ORDER FORM notation that the minutes of the WSC-83 Conference are available. If you want a copy of all of the reports that were given, the cost is about what it requires for us to copy it and mail it out (240 pages). But the minutes themselves only cost \$4.00.

About the matter at copyrights the principal issue at work in the matter of copyrights law is that the individual who creates a literary work (a cartoon, story, poem, song, poster, design, symbol, fictional-story or autobiography etc) or is the subject of such work (as in a biography or autobiography etc) has the first legal right to control its use, production and distribution. A person can protect their right (or interest in such created item) by registering it with the U.S. government. Once the item is registered anyone and everyone who uses, reproduces, excerpts, or modifies or creates a likeness or similiar item that is based on the original must either obtain permission to do so or they may be sued by the originator.

Even if the originator or subject does not register such item with the U.S. government they do not lose their rights to the first use of such story or item, it just complicates their claim for recovering damages in a lawsuit.

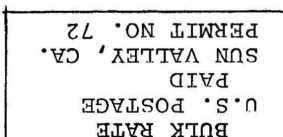
As this applies to N.A. we are continuing to add to the inventory of approved literature, to publish stories (biographies and autobiographies) in newsletters, the magazine, in the book and to circulate other stories for approval. The originator of every item we work on or distribute or publish retains the legal first right to the use, enjoyment, control and profit (if any) from the items. The originator retains that first right regardless at how long we have been using the story or how willingly they attended meetings at which it was discussed and modified or even if they typed it themselves for a group newsletter.

The only proper escape from this circumstance is to obtain proper release from the originator, author or subject.

A release if properly drafted transfers authority to use, or publish, change, distribute, etc, and details what limitation if any exist are conveyed. Without the release the person, group, area, or corporation (WSO for instance) remains liable in a law suit to pay damages, royalties, or cease publishing. The individuals who have clear legal right to sue are not limited to just the author or subject. The list of those eligible to sue includes, spouse (even former spouse), children, heirs, partners and many more.

To protect the fellowship from this danger a release form has been created that will generally be satisfactory for use throughout N.A. This release should be obtained from every person who contributes anything for use, publication or distribution in any and every newsletter, pamphlet or magazine. The release should be obtained at the time the item is first submitted.

Yours in service to NA . . . . .



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