"If a man does not keep pace with his companions, perhaps it is because he hears a different drummer. Let him step to the music which he hears, however measured or far away."

Henry David Thoreau



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CHALLING OFF

Oh, hell, let's talk about Drummer for a change. At least that is a subject we know something about. Drummer 91 was a triumph, with some of the best writing by heretofore undiscovered talent that we've ever published all in one issue.

This issue has an amazing tape transcript by KEN SAVAGE with some apt photography by HENRY DRYOUAGE of a similar but other session. Both sessions are for real. Really for real!

CITYBOY of New York has furnished us with some very real models in the centerspread and MARK I. CHESTER has given us photos and words on a unique type of leather-designing technique in which you simply wrap the subject in Saran Wrap, then tape, cut it all apart and send it in for exact measurements. We can hardly wait to try it ourselves.

Bill Ward's DRUM episode arrived about an hour before press time from England with a great version of the upcoming MR. DRUMMER show. We never cease to be amazed at his creativity, along with his delicious sense of humor.

Upcoming next month is a unique spread on a fetish we have done little or nothing on all these years—"Maimed Beauty" concerning amputees and other special people that have an appeal all their own. Again by our Mark I. Chester. It'll grab you, just as it did us.

And MACH is being reactivated containing some very exclusive photography on HELLFIRE INFERNO '85 with verbal coverage by FLEDERMAUS. It also will have an anthology of great fantasy fiction, along with "Letters from A Slavemaster" and some shaving excitement. Welcome back, MACH.

The new MANHOOD RITUALS 1 has been shipped, this time covering THE COMPOUND, telling you everything you have ever wanted to know about that infamous place as well as THE QUARTERS from Folsom's Golden Age. An updated questionnaire is in the center, ready to fill out on your naked knees and send for discipline training information to a latter-day Compound.

Our video shooting has been rampant with three projects about ready to wind up: CARE & TRAINING OF THE MALE SLAVE, THE BEST & WORST OF DRUMMER and MASTER BARBER. We'll undoubtedly run behind-the-scenes shots of the goings-on during the shooting—one location of which was one of the most complete playrooms anywhere.

As they used to say on the black-andwhite movie screens for *Time* magazine a long time ago..."DRUMMER MARCHES ON!"

-John H. Embry