

one of the disadvantages of doing a number of different things simultaneously is that there are brief intervals that, except for snatches of reading, can't be used well in this climate this time of the year with one hand. i have been doing mechanical work on the master of what is probably a futility of post mortem. soon supper and as lil does not feel like doing any more tax work - happy me, she is typing the adds in the last and 33rd chapter (not counting into an epilogue!) - i don't feel like reading, so let me update you on a few of the things i have been into that i have not told you about. i have a really beautiful true, world war 2 interracial love story with five hours on interview with the woman on tape.

it is in the hands of a friend at bantam. he, his secretary and his to-be wife, have gone for it big. the sec, once she heard the beginning in the office, just had to take it home that night. she came in raving. the problem has been that rosa, to be wife and of those i know, the ideal writer for it, has been tied up with contracts and speaking engagements. i understand that except for speeches she may be able to get to this in about a month. with luck it should make a movie. my heroine is a white woman. rosa is black. both interracial loves. so, maybe something can come along on that score soon. we need it. it seems that i did get the

whole thing in the interview, but i have suggested a meeting between heroine and rosa, here, so rosa can get what i think is part of the richness. this is a very ordinary woman with whom almost anyone can relate. ...and i am in a position to deliver the authentic raw material of a new (industrial) citizen kane. i have a friend who was his closest, not socially but in his official capacity trouble is he is not a writer and i can't afford to stay with him long enough to do a sample and an outline, but i have made the proposal on the basis of is it ~~int~~ of interest if i can deliver. frankly, i do not see how any publisher would not go far enough to learn with h.l.hunt and his bad boys! and with a former fbi agent ghosted yet! he's the first-person, the story teller. so, through the same friend i have proposed that if they can be interested they invest enough for me to do the same thing on tape. i do not believe it has succeeded, if proposed, or he would likely have phoned me. at the same time, i have asked the source if he expects to be near here any time in the near future. if he is, me for the closest store that has those Sony tapes! i know enough to be able to lead and direct the narrative and i am not afraid of giving bad leads and having them rejected in the areas where my knowledge is uncertain. it should build confidence in source. it has everything from brawling-wildwest style-to gut gambling, to all sorts of strange business things, and sex. source got (bad) boys, wealthy as they are

and wealthier as they are about to be by getting the old bastard to make provisions for a couple he has never acknowledged, including the "sportsman" son, they'd have seen to it that the illegits. would get nothing with the old one dead. he is getting senile. i told you i saw him and he offered me a job, didn't i?

i have been laboring over the so-called "author's alterations" that O&D (now something instead of D but i have not been told) soaked me for. in almost all cases they are not. i have had to check word-for-word from proof to printed page, by myself, with lil as busy as she is, and against copy. fraud and mail fraud are certain, but look's who'll be charging-and to whom! but i will be trying. if you knew the crookedest man in publishing in the world you'd never dream him capable of this stupidity. a large % do not exist, perhaps most are typos. i do not think \$10 can honestly be charged to me, and none should be. one is a repeated misspelling on ruckelshaus' name in the rushed final chapter. this accounts for all but one of the legits that i can remember. of the rest, just about all are editing faults we pointed out, like [for (, hanes' and hanes's, missing punctuation, dropped words. they even charged me for correction in lines with typos. bad enough the corrections were not AAs to begin with, but they had to reset those lines anyway. so, i have written to tell them that after i return from a two-day trip next week, where as my own lawyer i am suing a wholesaler who owes me over \$800 (pre-trial i have the defense whittled down to the running of the statute of limitations, which is false and I hope to be able to prove it) and a day i have to spend in washington i am going to proceed. and i am. i have not told him how, and i may have figured out a way around my major liability, d.j....can you see that i am staying busy....sorry about the typing, but hand is bothering a bit. H