OCTOBER, 1970

PRESENTS

PRODUCTION OUT OF CONTROL!

INSTRUCTIONS: HOLD THIS COVER OUT
AND YOUR SUPERVISOR WILL THINK
YOU'RE LOOKING AT COMPUTER OUTPUT.

WRITTEN AND DRAWN BY JIM SIMMONS
TO RECAP... IN OUR PREVIOUS EPISODES, OLD MOTHER HUBBARD AND HER STAFF RACED TO THE SUBTERRANEAN CAVERNS BENEATH THE PALACE OF COMPUTING...

...JUST BEFORE THE SYSTEM CRASH DECIMATED ALL OF COMPUTERLAND ABOVE GROUND...

THE REST OF THE STAFF HAD ALSO ESCAPED THE CRASH BY COMING DOWN IN THE NEW ELEVATOR...

...AND THEY REBUILT COMPUTERLAND IN THE CAVERNS, WITH THE AID OF LiL ABNER MIMS...

HORRAY FOR LiL ABNER MIMS!

MR. WIZARD EXTOLLED THE VIRTUES OF A NEW SYSTEM DESIGNED TO BE A CUREALL...

...WHICH PRODUCED PREDICTABLE RESULTS...

ASP

BLAM!

READY FOR MORE?...
THE PROFESSOR CONFERs WITH HIS ASSISTANT, JIM SIMIAN...
WELL, JIM, SOFTWARE-SYSTEMS HAS BLOWN IT AGAIN!
OBlVIOUSLY WE MUST RESCUE THE SITUATION BY APPLYING IMPROVED PLANNING TECHNIQUES, SUCH AS PERT, CPM AND GANTT CHARTS!

HIS SECRETARY, FLORENCE MIGRAINE, IS NEARBY...
OH FLORENCE, WHEN YOU GET A MINUTE, WILL YOU COME OVER?...
SURE, PROFESSOR!

JIM, I WANT TO DESIGN A SYSTEM THAT WILL ENABLE OUR CENTER TO FUNCTION WITH PEAK EFFICIENCY! SCHEDULING IS THE KEY — SCHEDULING!

NO HURRY, FLORENCE, WHENEVER YOU CAN...
YES, PROFESSOR, RIGHT AWAY!
HELLO, TOM, HONEY!

LATER...
... SO LET'S REFER THAT TO OUR PRODUCTION-OUT-OF-CONTROL DEPARTMENT FOR IMPLEMENTATION!
TAKE YOUR TIME, FLORENCE, NO RUSH!
COMING, PROFESSOR!
PUTTING ON LIPSTICK

EVER ALERT?
NEXT MORNING, GRACIE O'RILEY HAS PREPARED THE DAY'S SCHEDULE OF PRODUCTION...
WELL, HERE'S THE SCHEDULE FOR TODAY — FISCAL YEAR-END!

NOTHING MUCH UNUSUAL IN TODAY'S SCHEDULE EXCEPT THAT PAYROLL, FINAL MARKS, AND OUR YEAR-END ACCOUNTING REPORT HAVE TO BE RUN ON THE SAME DAY!

FIRST I'LL CHECK WITH HELEN BAGUE AND GOLDIE FOX! IS THE PAYROLL INPUT READY?
AH... WELL... AH... PAYROLL INPUT... AH... GEE!
IT'S READY, GOLDIE, IT'S READY!

AND JERRY K! ARE THE FINAL MARKS CARDS READY, JERRY?
AH... YEP!

HELLO, SHIRLEY SHARP! DID YOU HAVE ANY PROBLEMS GETTING THE ACCOUNTING INPUT PUNCHED?
OF COURSE NOT! EVERYTHING'S UNDER CONTROL HERE, AS USUAL!

WELL, HERE'S TODAY'S SCHEDULE, BIG DADDY HARLAN!

MMM...!

IS IT IN GOOD HANDS WITH BIG DADDY?...
... Run by Big Daddy Harlan—
Master of the Plantation...

Don't let none o' them long-haired hippie types in here y'hear?

... And his Southern Belle daughter—
Little Miss Killjoy...

But some of them are so pretty, Daddy!

Well, daughter, here's the production list from O'Reiley!

Well, let's see what she's saddled us with this time!

Wha-a-at! Payroll, final marks, and year-end accounting all on the same day! That O'Reiley has done it again!

I foot into the air — the very air is blued!
IN THE COMPUTER ROOM...

MR. HAMBELLY, YOU'VE GOT TO RUN ALL THIS TODAY!

O'RILEY HAS REALLY FIXED US GOOD TODAY, HUH?

OH WELL, LET'S TRY THE PAYROLL RUN FIRST!

I'LL CALL CURLY BLOOM AT ADS! TRY FINAL MARKS!

JIM (CAPT. KIAK) PANSART

POW!

I'LL CALL LARRY CAMPBELL AT ADS! TRY YEAR-END ACCOUNTING!

CRUNCH!

WE'LL RUN ALL NIGHT, BUT WE'LL FINISH!

DOESN'T THE CAPTAIN GO DOWN WITH HIS SHIP?
NEXT MORNING, ALL UNIVERSITY EMPLOYEES ARE PAID...

GEE—$1,000,080 THIS PAY! NOT BAD FOR A STUDENT ASSISTANT!

50¢! I'M RUINED! HOW WILL I SUPPORT MY WIFE AND 12 CHILDREN?!

...FINAL GRADES ARE RECEIVED BY THE STUDENT BODY...

I GOT A B.S. IN MATHEMATICS! BUT I'M A HUMANITIES MAJOR! FLUNKED! AND AFTER ALL THOSE 100% TESTS! 140 CREDIT HOURS! NOT BAD FOR ONE QUARTER'S WORK!

...AND THE YEAR-END ACCOUNTING REPORT IS SENT TO THE STATE LEGISLATURE...

DAILY NEWS
PRESIDENT YEAST JAILED FOR FRAUD!

THE BOTTOM END
YEAST UP THE CREEK

DAILY FREE PRESS
* YEAST * ANNOUNCES RESIGNATION

NOW YOU KNOW WHY!
AT THE CDC, OLD MOTHER HUBBARD DEMANDS TO KNOW THE ANSWERS...

PROFESSOR, EXPLAIN WHY YOU GOOFED!

BUT SIMIAN DESIGNED THE SYSTEM!

HARLAN SUPERVISED THE WORK!

O’RILEY MADE THE SCHEDULE!

DON’T LOOK AT ME!

KILLJOY BLEW IT!

WHA-AAT!

WHY YOU LITTLE RUNT!
I’LL POUND YOU INTO THE GROUND! I’LL SCRATCH YOUR EYES OUT!

ALL RIGHT, O’RILEY, YOU ASKED FOR IT!
JUST ‘CAUSE YOU’VE BEEN HERE 20 YEARS!

JIM (SPACE MONSTER)
PANSART

THE BATTLE OF THE CENTURY IS ON!

OUR TROUBLES WILL SOON BE OVER! WE HAVE A NEW KING ARRIVING FROM THE WEST!

THE MESSIAH? ALLAH? KING KONG?
WILL HE WALK ON WATER... OR SINK?!
WILL HE FEARLESSLY FIGHT THE FORCES OF GRAFT AND CORRUPTION?

DON’T MISS THE NEXT EXCITING ISSUE OF COMPUTER COMICS ON SALE AT YOUR LOCAL MEAT MARKET...
OR WRITE DIRECT TO THE AUTHOR, IN CARE OF THE MICHIGAN EMPLOYMENT SECURITY COMMISSION...

J.S.

THE END
FAN POSTER OF THE MONTH

THE PROFESSOR IN HIS GARDEN

SUITABLE FOR FRAMING OR WRAPPING THE GARBAGE