

A MOVING STORY

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26 May 1978 I've heard so many rumours about how I've moved to Melbourne, returned to Canberra, got a job in Launceston, emigrated to Cuba &c that I think it only fair to give my own biased account of what I've been up to lately.

I moved to Adelaide in January 1976 to work for Rigby Ltd, publishers, as a senior editor. Since July 1976 I have been a freelance editor-proofreader-indexer-&c, but relying still on Rigby's for work. Ten days ago I was told that Rigby's would have no work for freelance people for the rest of this year. There's no other work for me in Adelaide, but there seems to be some in Melbourne, and there's a much better chance of getting a full-time job in Melbourne, so Sally and I are moving.

Sally doesn't have a job to go to in Melbourne, not at the moment of writing, so I'll be there and she'll be here for a while. Please let us hear no rumours of a marriage broken: being parted for more than a week or so will be strain enough.

It seems absurd to delay my departure from Adelaide for the sake of a science fiction convention, and I keep telling myself that's not the real reason; I have plenty of things to do here, like sorting out papers and stuff accumulated since 1969 and carted from Ferntree Gully to Clifton Hill to St Kilda to Kingston to Red Hill to Turner to Bridgewater to Mile End... Gawd, this will be my ninth move in nine years (I lived at two places in Kingston). Ninth and tenth, actually, because I'll be moving myself and a car-load of stuff to a borrowed house in Richmond during the second week of June, and later looking for somewhere reasonably permanent to live in Melbourne.

Australia Post is pretty good at redirecting mail, so the Norwood address will be okay probably for the rest of this year. My emergency address in Melbourne is c/- Mrs I. Bangsund, 215/1 Holmes Street, Northcote, Vic 3070. Please don't call or phone there; regard it as an emergency postal address until I get a PO box.

And that's all for this time.