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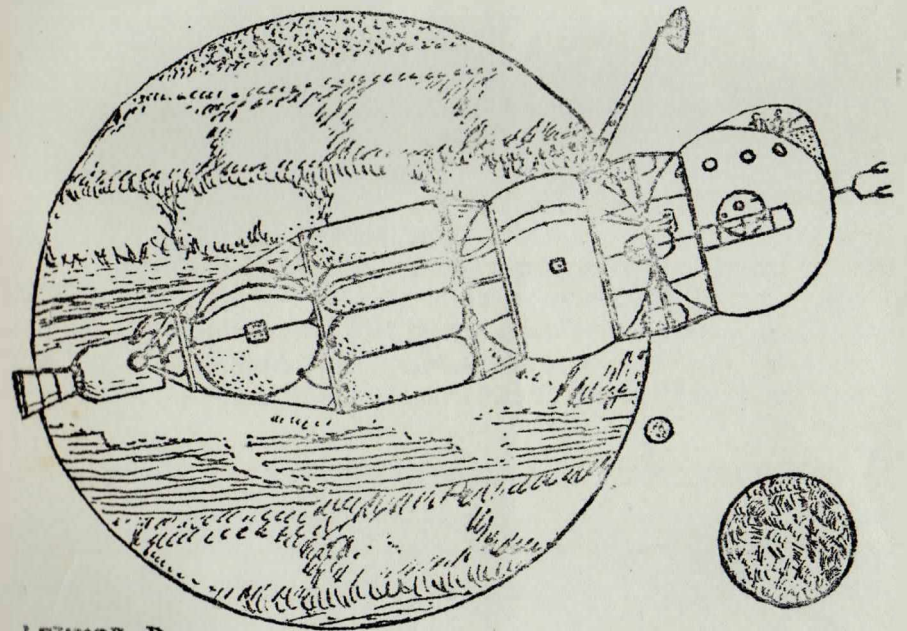
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ALIEN VIRUS by John Rackham . A TitBits Novel from McGills at 1/3.

This one continues the 'Fairless' saga begun in JUPITER EQUILATERAL and THE MASTER WEED. An intelligent virus from Titan is introduced into Mars, paralyses the population , and is all set to attack Earth when the counter is developed.

The ending is a noble sacrifice. Don't try to find an association between the cover illo and the story --- there isn't any ! As usual, this is value for money.

Bob.

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DEEP FREEZE by Jonathan Burke. McGills at 2/3

All men are destroyed when atomic engines run wild. There are some spermatazoa in a deep freeze unit. The women decide to continue - and dominate - the race, but of course, when the boys grow up ---! Not up to JB's usual high standard, but readable.

Rog.

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REVOLT OF THE HUMANS by Jonathan Burke. McGills at 2/3

This one bears some resemblance to THE PUPPET MASTERS. Alien, intelligent virus enslaves Earth. Hero and heroine are both infected for a while, thereby nearly losing Earth's last hope, but they come good again. They destroy the 'Brain' by feeding it a lunatic. A little better than the last one.

Rog.

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OVERLORDS OF ANDROMEDA by John Falkner. McGills at 2/3

This was the first British pocket book in Melbourne for some time - and we could have lived without it !

Earth has been enslaved by Andromedans for centuries. Our gallant hero foments a strike, his friend aims a comet at Earth, the Andromedans scuttle off - and O.H. weds an Andromedan pixie. Gaaaaaaah ! McGills at 2/3

Bob

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CEE TEE MAN by Dan Morgan.

McGills at 2/3

A power mad Police Chief endeavours to take the world over by the deliberate use of Etryn - a habit forming drug. Grant Shaw is selected by the Central Computer to counter this, and is endowed with Cybernetic Telepathy (C.T.) and other superhuman powers. Of course, he wins the struggle and the girl. Recommended reading.

Rog.

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THE BEST FROM NEW WORLDS an anthology compiled by John Carnell and published by Boardman's, available from McGills at 3/-.

Once again, to the point of monotony, I repeat that the long time SF reader will find nothing new in these too-constant anthologies, but the new reader to the genre will find his money well spent. In the following run-down, the number in parentheses is the issue on NW in which the story originally appeared.

THE HARD WAY (21) by Alan Barclay - first space battle; CROSSFIRE (21) by James White - aliens look us over; JET-SAM (20) by A. B. Chandler - humans have visited moon before; ROCKETS AREN'T HUMAN (20) by E.C. Tubb - who takes care of the space pilot's wife?; SHIP FROM THE STARS (25) by Peter Hawkins - genie in a bottle; ROBOT'S DON'T BLEED (8) by J. W. Groves - she made a model wife; THE BROKEN RECORD (27) by J. T. McIntosh - Fairies bubbles and Time twists; and UNKNOWN QUANTITY (5) by Peter Phillips. Robot's have souls now!

A fine selection for the general reader.

Bob

AUTHOR STORY LISTING

No. 11 Leigh Brackett

Compiled by Donald H. Tuck

This author writes under her maiden name, though she is married to Edmond Hamilton. She is mainly noted for her colourful fantastic adventure yarns set on Mars and Venus.

BOOKS Novels

B1 THE STARMEN (Gnome: N.Y. 1952 213 £.75) (Museum: London 168 8/6). Revision of story 38

B2 SWORD OF RHIANNON (US Ace Double PB with Conan the Conqueror by Howard.) (Scheduled to come from T.V. Boardman in 1955)

STORIES

¹with Ray Bradbury

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|-----|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 1. | Ark of Mars, The. nv | PS Sep'53, ASFs 26 |
| 2. | Beast-Jewel of Mars, The. nv | PS Win'48 |
| 3. | Big Jump, The. n | SpS Feb'53 |
| 4. | Black Amazon of Mars, The. n | PS Mar'51 |
| 5. | Blue Behemoth, The. s | PS May'43 |
| 6. | Child of the Green Light. s | SuS Feb'42, SuS Apr'51 |
| 7. | Child of the Sun. s | PS Feb'42 |
| 8. | Citadel of Lost Ages, The. nv | TWS Dec'50 |
| 9. | Citadel of Lost Ships, The. nv | PS Mar'43, TSF Spr'53 |
| 10. | Cube from Space. nv | SuS Aug'42 |
| 11. | Dancing Girl of Ganymede, The. s | TWS Feb'50 |
| 12. | Demons of Darkside, The. s | SS Jan'41 |
| 13. | Dragon Queen of Jupiter, The. s | PS Sum'41 |
| 14. | Enchantress of Venus. nv | PS Fal'49, AG5 |
| 15. | Halfling, The. s | AsS Feb'43, AS11 |

16.	Interplanetary Reporter. s	SS May'41
17.	Jewel of Bas. nv	PS Spr'44
18.	Lake of Gone Forever, The. nv	TWS Oct'49
19.	Last Days of Shandakor, The. nv	SS Apr'52, AP10
20.	Lord of the Earthquake. nv	SF Jun'41
21.	Lorelei of the Red Mist. nv	PS Sum'46 ¹ , TSF Fal'53 ¹
22.	Mars Minus Bisha. s	PS Jan'54
23.	Martian Quest. s	ASF Beb'40
24.	Moon That Vanished, The. nv	TWS Oct'48
25.	Moonfire Gods, The. nv (retitle?)	PSF # 4
26.	No Man's Land in Space. nv	AS Jul'41
27.	Out of the Sea. s	AsS Jun'42
28.	Outpost on Io. s	AsS Nov'42
29.	Queen of the Martian Catacombs. nv	PS Sum'49
30.	Quest of the Starhope. s	TWS Apr'49
31.	Retreat to the Stars. s	AsS Nov'41, AA2
32.	Runaway. nv	SS Spr'54
33.	Sea-Kings of Mars. n	TWS Jun'49
34.	* Shadow over Mars. n	SS Fal'44, FSM Mar'53
35.	Shadows, The. s	SS Feb'52
36.	Shannach - the Last. n	PS Nov'52
37.	Sorcerer of Rhiannon, The. nv	ASF Feb'42
38.	Starmen of Llyfodis, The. n	SS Mar'51, B1
39.	Stellar Legion, The. s	PS Win'40
40.	Sword of Rhiannon, The. s	B2
41.	Tapestry Gate, The. s-	SR Aug'40
42.	Terror out of Space. s	PS Sum'44
43.	Thralls of the Endless Night. s	PS Fal'43
44.	Treasure of Ptakuth, The. s	ASF Apr'40
45.	Truants, The. s	SS Jul'50
46.	Vanishing Venusians, The. s	PS Spr'45
47.	Veil of Astellar, The. s	TWS Spr'44, FSM Sum'52
48.	Water Pirate. s	SuS Jan'41
49.	Woman from Altair, The. nv	SS Jul'51
50.	World is Born, A. s	CS Jul'41.

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Connected Stories :37 & 40 have some slight connection

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Note: THE BIG JUMP is to appear as part of an Ace Double Book.

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x SHADOW OVER MARS appeared in Pocket Book form in U.K. from
World Fantasy Classics at 1/6, 160 pages, 1950.

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Next Author : Damon Knight

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Film Night

Any Melbourne fans wishing to attend a picture
night at the Kings Theatre, City, for the showing of
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ALBION FUTURIAN SOCIETY

Meeting No. 3.

Who says all the strife and trouble in Sydney fandom has gone? Members of the recently-formed Albion Futurian Society viewed with alarm and deep suspicion the date set down for the 3rd meeting - Sunday, May 8th. It neatly bisected the birth-days of Mesdames Nicki Gore and Laura Molesworth. Outcome was the meeting turned out to be quite a party, with both Nicki and Laura collecting attractive loot in the form of presents.

The fact that the 10 persons present were divisible into five males and five females was a further cause for alarm: the short sighted scurried for the works of Philip Jose Farmer, the longer-range planners for Ray Bradbury.

Despite these fears and tensions, the meeting went off very pleasantly, except for the regrettable incident involving Director Arthur Haddon, Bruce Gore, Totti Kaplun, John Power, and a large bowl of cocktail frankfurts, which is best left in limbo. That Vol Molesworth is still the evil mastermind in back of Sydney fan intrigues was evidenced by the fact that (a) he was seen surreptitiously licking his fingers and (b) his collar was smeared with tomato sauce.

Guests Lee Taylor, Nola Davidson, Joy Anderson and Les Lee were impressed by a number of SF tape recordings played. While Marj. Haddon, Nicki Gore and Laura Molesworth pored through a batch of 107 magazines just arrived from USA, Nev. Cohen and Vol Molesworth discussed (or tried to discuss) infinity, a subject which has a large number of points.

At 2 AM it was decided to adjourn the meeting until May 22nd.

Albion

OVERSEAS NEWS

STARTLING STORIES has combined with its companion magazines, THRILLING WONDER STORIES and FANTASTIC STORY MAGAZINE with the Fall 55 issue.

It was announced recently that SCIENCE FICTION ADVENTURES would NOT be revived.

Columbia Publications issued their first Pocket Book in February titled CITY OF GLASS, authored by Noel Loomis, digest size, 128 pages, 35c. FUTURE SCIENCE FICTION, the irregular also appeared in February, 130 pages, digest, 35c.

Charles Eric Main's TIME SLIP will be on film as THE ISOTOPE MAN, starring Gene Nelson and Faith Domergue.

DARK DOMINION by David Duncan and UTOPIA 239 by Rex Gordon were published by Wm. Heinemann Ltd., London, on 18th April at 9/6 each. Both have arrived in Melbourne.

IJC

ADVT.

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ARTHUR CLARKE SAYS

We've been on Heron for 5 weeks now, and will be here at least two more. The place is perfect for underwater exploring and photography, but we have been unlucky about the weather, and have been able to operate only one day in four. However we've got some excellent material (colour, black-and-white & movie) though we want lots more and are praying it keeps fine.

We've been processing our own coloured shots, using the new Ektachrome (three times as fast as Kodachrome) which I'm fairly sure no one else will have used here yet ... it only came out in the States early in the year.

We've obtained a couple of colour shots of sharks, but Mike had a bit of rotten luck the other day when the camera jammed as he was doing a whole series of shark close-ups over the edge of the reef. A week or so ago he speared a 5-footer which we got back to the boat before it escaped. Then he shot at and missed (luckily) a 10-footer which came right up and stared him in the face.

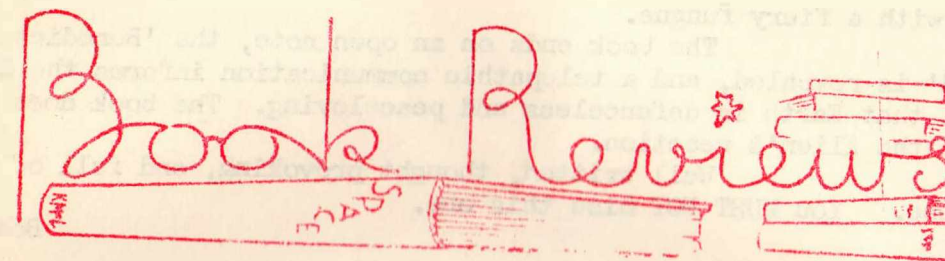
The best photos we have are a really stunning sequence of a big manta ray. Most unforgettable moment -- when a hundred or so 5-foot barracuda, looking very mean and hungry, spiralled in on me and got to within little more than a yard before I reached the boat.

Otherwise there's not much news -- it's just hard slogging and trying to sit out the weather.

We plan to come back to Brisbane around the first week in June, dump the car and fly to Cairns and Thursday Island, so we look forward to at least a brief reunion with the Brisbane Group.

Arthur Clarke.

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GATEWAY TO THE STARS an anthology compiled by John Carnell, and published by Museum Press. Available from McGills 12/-

This contains 9 stories which previously appeared in NEW WORLDS, AUTHENTIC, SCIENCE FANTASY and FANTASTIC UNIVERSE. They are :- STITCH IN TIME (if time travel is possible the future would be a vegetable patch); ONLY AN ECHO (the blood-ing of a space warrior); CONSPIRACY (another parallel worlds, fugitives and hunters story); STRANGER FROM SPACE (spaceman lives out Stevenson's epitaph); NEVER ON MARS (first man to land on Mars is proved, scientifically, to be a liar); ASSISTED PASSAGE (a stranded alien is given passage home, in the seafaring tradition); CIRCUS (a strange menagerie on a far planet); OPERATION EXODUS (a threatened Earth finds a new home, but who is destroyed the process?).

These topnotch stories are all by British authors. I can recommend the purchase of this book.

Bob

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HERO'S WALK by Robert Crane, published by Cresset Press at 13/3. Available from McGills

This was originally a serial in Colliers, then a Ballantine book. In the days of InterCos, the successor to UNO, voices from Space are heard. While a struggle for power goes on among the delegates to InterCos, mainly about the launching of a Space platform to orbit around Mars, the Ampiti invaders bomb the world in an arithmetical progression, and seed the wat-

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THE CURRENTS OF SPACE by Isaac Asimov 9/6

ALIEN DUST by E. C. Tubb 8/6

THE SKY BLOCK by Steve Frazee 9/6

THE CONQUERED PLACE by Robert Shafer, published by Putnam's, UK available from McGills at 15/6

This is a first novel, and its writing was caused by the bitterness at the complacency at John Q. Public. The story deals with a period when, after an atomic war, much of the Northern Hemisphere is dominated by the 'Enemy' (a Russ-Asia combination). Hal Lorch, a Free Territory Lieutenant is sent to occupied territory to bring out Carroway, a scientist working on a project that could end the war for the side that gets it.

He contacts the Underground, and finds them singularly self centred. So is Carroway, who almost wrecks the escape by his insistence that his family must be saved, then loses half the family due to this insistence.

The writing is good, the story full of suspense, frustration and a bitter view of parochial reactions - even to their disbelief in the proposed atom bombing of the city to create confusion.

This is well worth reading for a second time.

Bob

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VALLEY BEYOND TIME by Vaughn Wilkins, published by Johnathan Cape Ltd, UK. Available from McGills at 15/6.

The story is a little unconvincing but quite interesting. The author finds himself more at home in the 3rd part when writing of what we consider the normal way of life.

The story itself concerns a journey made by three entirely different types of people belonging to different age groups, to a land which now and then attaches itself to our world. During the time of attachment, it is possible for people of our world to travel to this land of an almost immortal people.

Inhabiting another section of this land is a more human type of people who are partially ruled by a time -- system thus resulting in our achievements. Wars are waged, over-indulgement in food, drink and love is rife. Good reading.

Marjorie E. Santos

Ade laide News

Well, once again I'm back in the town of six PM closing, worse luck ! (Melbourne has $\frac{1}{4}$ hour longer, and I don't mean to be rude !). My sojourn over there could not have been more pleasant, and I was fortunate in meeting quite a number of the gang. Tony and Ian provided several interludes over a table loaded with all sorts of good food and really excellent coffee, and on another occasion I enjoyed Ian's hospitality at his home meeting a number of the fans. My thanks to Mr. and Mrs. McCubbin and Jack Keating for providing transport there and back.

I hope that one day I may be able to repay the kindness to any Melbournians who wander over this way, even to the extent of a flagon of EST (Gaaaaah !)

I duly went along to our last meeting to catch up on all the gossip and activities. Lyall Sayce wandered along for the first time, and I hope we will be seeing more of him.

News on the more sober side concerns several of our fans whose wives are on the sick list. I hope they will be on the road to recovery shortly. Mr. Simons is the proud father of a baby daughter - another femme fan.

John Brooks was a first timer for an age.

Last time I saw Robin Kemp he was hopping around on one crutch, but now he seems to be more or less mobile again, and is trying to balance the library accounts.

The duplicator is reaching completion, and may even work.....who wants to be duplicated (Don't get me wrong)

By the way, the 1500 mark has been reached by the library.

Our president, Ron Gum, rolled along for the first time in ages and was duly introduced to some of the regulars. Ron is a member of the police force, and has an excuse, so I'd be wise to say no more, in case I'm run in.

Hal Nicholson is again at war in some army camp somewhere.

Margaret Finch.

THE LEADING SCIENCE FICTION JOURNAL

CANBERRA NEWS

The usual monthly meeting of the Society was held on Friday, 20th May, when about 20 people (not all science fiction fans) attended a screening of films selected by Ruth and Arthur Porter.

The two main films were ANIMAL KINGDOM from the South African Commissioner's office, and UNFINISHED RAINBOW, the story of the manufacture of aluminium. Shorts included HOW MAN MADE DAY (artificial lighting), TREASURE FROM THE SEA (extraction of magnesium from sea water), HOW EARTH WAS MADE (astronomy) and NOUGHT FEET (RAF low level bombing and navigation)

The programme also included a technical film DRILLING A HOLE IN A PIN. We were looking forward to seeing a film about precision drilling, but the 'pin' turned out to be 1 inch in diameter and 3 inches long.

Next meeting will be held on 10th of June, when THE ASCENT OF EVEREST will be featured.

Now I have a personal beef to air. In issue 50, some person (I suspect the editor) gave me the non-deplume of 'Politician'. This is libel. I demand a full and abject apology and complete withdrawal of this filthy lie etc, etc. See Hansard, almost any page, for full quotation.

(I apologise, Geoff. I was merely trying to bring you into line with most of the other interstate correspondents, and naturally linked your city with its principle industry (!). Ian)

Geoff Bennett.

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DON'T FORGET THE COMPETITION ANNOUNCED
IN ISSUE FORTY NINE. ENTRIES CLOSE BY ISSUE 54.

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THE LEADING SCIENCE FICTION JOURNAL

BRISBANE NEWS

Brisbane Group met on Thursday evening, 12th. May, a week later than normal schedule, as the Taves had been out of town on business for some weeks. Present were Iris Girvan, Fred Drennan, Rick Day, John Gurney, John Adams, new member Ken Quinlem, Charles Mustchin (up from Coolangatta on business), Frank Bryning, and host George Tave. Besty Tave is still out of town, and she was missed.

Particularly welcome were Ken Quinlem, who is a good listener, but we hope will soon find a chance on his account to say more, and Charlie Mustchin, who came in with Frank Bryning, just returned from a fortnight's vacation with wife and daughter in the new and well appointed flat Chas has built at his home at Coolangatta. Frank reported on a fine holiday, but looked frustrated at having lived under the same roof as the famous SF collection, yet was barely able to scratch the surface when it came to reading.

He tried to assuage a mighty nostalgia for the good old days of Gernsback by taking the early Amazings and Wonders a yard at a time looking at covers and illustrations, but it only made it worse. Nevertheless, he predicts a high percentage of S.F addicts amongst Charlie's tenants in the future. He reports the landlord to be congenial and considerate, the flat to have all mod cons, the best hot-water service ever, and a thermo-nuclear electric jug that boils water before you can get the tea out of the caddy into the pot. (Arthur Clarke and Mike Wilson confirm)

The surf is fine, and only four minutes away, if you run, and in waters around Kirra rocks there are plenty fish for snorkel divers to watch. The Tweed mouth and breakwater are not far away, either. ADVT.

We have no report on what Chas Mustchin thinks of the Brynings as tenants, but Charlie was heard to complain that Frank had converted his two schoolboy sons to snorkel, mask, and flippers, and now he is being held to ransom for two complete sets!

Frank protests that he's just another victim himself - blame two gentlemen named Clarke and Wilson !)

Several members had listened into 4KQ's interviews with Arthur C. Clarke and Mike Wilson, recorded for "In Town Tonight", and appreciated references to Brisbane fandom and to Charles Mustchin's library.

John Adams came to the meeting with his arms full of books and magazines, as usual, including some new ones from America. Many willing hands helped sort out the library items, and the rest was quickly snapped up. John notified the members of a weekly broadcast session on aspects of television - Television News and Views, from 4KQ on Thursdays at 6.30 PM.

John, himself, sometimes speaks on this session on technical matters. He is an electronic engineer -- a shining example of what M.I.T. turns out.

John Gurney brought along an original musical composition, and played it to two or three musical critics in the Group. He received such encouragement that now he has to write words for it, which words will have to pass the same musical critics and other critics (all members) of the Group.

Rick Day, of 139 Sylvan Rd., Toowong, was appointed the Olympicon Advisory Committee member for Queensland. Rick is the Group's youngest member, and without one of the most enthusiastic and consistent participants in our activities.

WARREGO

OLYMPICON 1956

Interstate Advisory Committee members to date:

Arthur Haddon	-----	New South Wales
Rick Day	-----	Queensland
N. J. Shalders	-----	South Australia
Don Tuck	-----	Tasmania
No reply from Western Australia		to date

MORE NEWS

Young novelist Gore Vidal (MESSIAH) had a science fictional satire presented on the NBC TV network two weeks ago, titled VISIT TO A SMALL PLANET. Starring British actor Cyril Ritchard, the tale briefly is an alien visitor lands in the present day, dressed in the clothes of 1860, as his time machine was a bit out of kilter. His mission was to look over 'the interesting savages on the threshold of civilization'. After a typical US treatment from the Army, The Navy, The FBI and the Sanitary Workers Union, he decided that his people would not have Earth if it was handed out on an uranium plate.

INVADERS FROM MARS hits (?) Melbourne this week with NEW FACES, and as I wouldn't miss the last, I might make myself to review the former in the next issue.

IJC

YOU KNOW WHAT SAILORS ARE

This film, based on Edward Hyams' story SYLVIA - ESTER (In America, 998) has disposed of almost all of the fantasy element which made the book good reading. The invention is still there, but one is given the impression that it is there purely to give the hero an excuse to get to the harem as quick as possible.

Still, it is very good entertainment, and a visit is worthwhile if just to see what film studios can do to a good story, with plenty of possibilities.

Stars Donald Sinden, Akim Tamiroff, Australian Bill Kerr (who played his part very well) and Sarah Lawson, print in technicolor.

IJC

MAGAZINE REVIEWS

MALIAN PRESS American Science Fiction

The lead story OF SUCH AS THESE by Irving Cox Jnr. is a rather unconvincing alien story. The blue skinned Bems conquer the Earth in an endeavour to bring us peace.

Gerald Vance contributes the second story which is worse than the first. It concerns time travel.

On the back cover of this issue, Malian Press announce the advent of SELECTED SCIENCE FICTION MAGAZINE. The contents to be selected for the SF connoisseur. All your reviewer can say to this is 'Thank God', as the last few issues of AmSF seem to have been culled from AMAZING or FANTASTIC ADVENTURES.

Tony

FATE May 1955.

A magazine of the odd, grotesque and the bizarre. This issue contains articles about Flying Saucers, Devil Cats, Esp, Precognition, Faith Healing, Telepathy, Spirit Communication, Yoga, Biometry and strange experiences of readers.

Do I detect a slight falling off of quality? Or is it that this issue and I am not in rapport?

Rog.

GALAXY SCIENCE FICTION BRE 25.

Emsh is not up to his usual standard with this cover and it was disappointing to find the book reviews not included. Clifford D. Simak's HOW-2 is a neat little tale of a future in which man has no other real interest than How-2 courses. How-2 build your own home, make a mink coat, pull your own teeth paint a masterpiece. What happens to this set-up when someone

insists on doing it all for you ?

THE NOSTALGIA GAME by Roy Hutchins is amusing. The best way to avoid A-Bombs is not to be around when they explode. Or to be around before they were invented.

Robert Sheckley's THE LAXIAN KEY is reminiscent of the folk tale about the mill which filled the sea with salt. BIG ANCESTOR by F. L. Wallace . Mankind finds other human races. A common origin is found. But what origin ? Most pestiferous.

The best thing in this or any recent issue - in fact, the best SF short your reviewer has read for a long time, is Edgar Pangborn's THE MUSIC MAKERS OF BABYLON. A beautiful piece of writing.

The issue - without Pangborn - average. With Pangborn - the best for a long, long time.

Tony.

AUTHENTIC SCIENCE FICTION 55.

Cover by a new artist Richards presents a view of what editor Campbell hopes is London is the near future.

ORDEAL by H. K. Bulmer - survival of the fittest on Venus, but they don't. Fair. THE SILVER BOX by Bob Shaw - time travel or sumpin'. I still can't work it out, but for all that, it's not bad. THE HOLIDAY by K. Marcuse - as the title says, it's a holiday, except for the reader. Poor.

LOVER WHERE ART THOU by J. Beecham - he went for the doctor and couldn't find his way home. Fair. MURDER MOST INNOCENT by Ted Tubb - he tried murder, but it backfired. Detective story on space ship. Poor.

The supplement is very good this month, the included story being the best in the issue and the articles far outweigh the stories.

This is a very disappointing issue as far as stories go, as it's the first time I have seen a magazine without one redeeming story.

Jac k

TRADING SECTION

After a long enforced absence, we are glad to recommence this feature. Our apologies to the many readers whose wants have been neglected.

Mr. G. Myers, Myrniong, Vic, wants NEW WORLDS 31, ASTOUNDING BRE February 1955.

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Send list and wants.

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