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FALCON 5 (the full details): Falcon 5 was held at Eric Lindsays place on Easter Saturday and Sunday with fifteen people attending at different times. John Brosnan was the Guest of Honour (as much of a GoH as Falcon is ever likely to have, anyhow). Attendees consumed slightly more than a case of coke, three pints of Jim Bean, a gallon of bheer amongst other things but they unaccountably failed to consume the flagon of wine and most of the vodka. SF was discussed for once, and no-one got around to writing the Great SF/Porno novel this time. However several did their SAPS contributions and these were duplicated and now await only editorial blessing (and postage money) before being distributed. Lots of people were huckstering so we had all the features of a big con - if you can call frankfurtes a banquet! Actually there was chops and bacon etc. one night and something quite incredible the other. (EL)

ANZAC DAY FILM FESTIVAL: Twenty-nine people attended the special film showing arranged by the Fantasy Film Society at the Ritz Theatre in North Melbourne. The small attendance was attributed to a lack of prior publicity, but that's always a problem with the Society. The festival started late when the curtain fell down but after things were set to rights we saw a Walt Disney early rendition of Pooh Bear and his mates followed by a panel of film experts, Jim Murphy, Ivan Hutchinson, George Turner, Dean Chamberlain and Paul Stevens which chatted about film criticism a bit. Then there was an episode of Star Trek in colour and a Twilight Zone episode called "He's Alive" which had a bit to do with Adolf Hitler. Seeing that the highly secret Charlie Chaplin film shown after dinner was also about Hitler the selection of films seemed highly appropriate to ANZAC Day.

AUSSIECON: The second Progress Report went to the printers (T.A.A.) a week ago and the committee expects to have the finished product in its hands in about another three weeks. Information in this one will deal with the art show, the Hotel and the Australian Guest - of Honour, but the contents of this issue are mainly slanted towards US members who don't know anything about Australia or getting here.

A NOTE FROM SUSAN WOOD GLICKSOHN: Susan is taking over "The Clubhouse" in AMAZING, the place where fanzines are reviewed. She is planning a "down-the-rabbit hole" installment of the column which will be reviewing Australian fanzines and, naturally enough, she'd like to see as many Australian fanzines as possible. So if you would like your fanzine reviewed or mentioned in that special installment you should send copies to reach Susan by JUNE 15th 1974 (which will mean sending them airmail). Susans address is; Susan Wood, Department of English, University of Saskatchewan, Regina, Sask S4S 0A2, CANADA.

For those who are interested Susan also mentioned that her teaching contract at the University has been renewed and that is thoroughly good news.

OZCON '74: A meeting of Melbourne fans engaged in the organising of the National Convention this year was held on 17th April. Main problems tackled were hotel arrangements, GoH's, memberships, films and Ditmars. The first Progress Report should appear early in May with full details of the things you will need to know and an announcement of the new procedures towards awarding the Ditmars which, as you will remember, was discussed a bit at ADVENTION.

INDISIOUS INFLUENCES: Joan Dick has become the librarian of the Albury Astronomical Society so we can probably expect all sorts of unastronomical books working their way into the library on the rather dubious grounds that they have something to do with space. Joan also gave a talk on the moon to the Society a couple of weeks ago, we hope it went off well.

CoAs: Carey Handfiled, Flat 3, 125 Osborne Road, South Yarra, Vict 3141.  
Peter House, 6 Ramsden Street, Clifton Hill, Vict 3068.

FANZINES: OSIRIS 2: Del & Dennis Stocks, PO Box 235 Albion, Brisbane, Qld 4010/sub \$1 per year which turns you into a member of the BFSFA, \$1.50 to non-members, to friends or trade/irregular depending on material availability/15pp. Reviews of some ERB books and of another of those books that tells the truth about all sorts of mystical and quasi-scientific things by golly and a ripper transcript of an interview by Frost with Burgess and Mac Dowell, mainly about "A Clockwork Orange" are the main delights in this issue. Also there is the news that MITHRIL will be with us again in the guise of MITHRIL (Son of Mithril). Very enjoyable.

RATAPLAN 15: Leigh Edmonds, PO Box 74, Balaclava, Victoria 3183/\$1.60 for 4 issues or the usual/irregular for FAPA mainly/20 pp. Articles by John Alderson about getting half drowned and Bernie Bernhouse about the New York underground as well as the usual letters and editorial coment, not to forget the continuing Active Apathist Newsletter from Ken Ford. The cover introduces the "RATAPLAN Wet Dream of the Month" which re-introduces the concept of sex into Australian fandom.

DENNIS D DEGRAZINE: Derrick Ashby, 7 Sinclair Lane, Edithvale, Victoria 3196/regularity unknown/5pp. I assume that this fanzine, which was distributed at Degraves Tavern, isn't getting a wide circulation which is a pity because while it is informal and light it is enjoyable reading and even has some interesting things to say, mainly about the MSFC but about wider things as well.

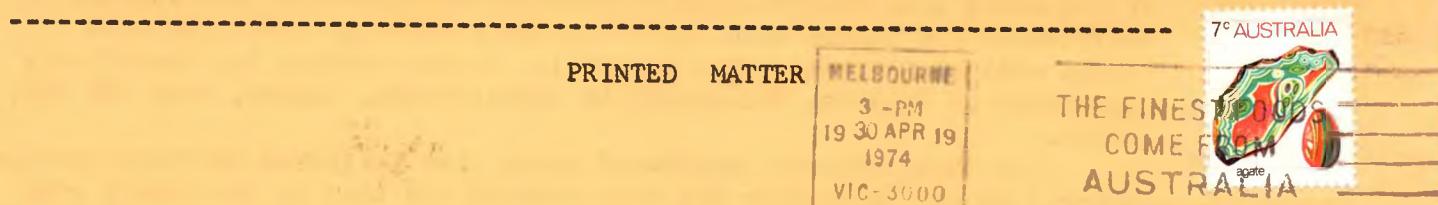
APA CORNER: ANZAPA 37 - 64 pages. This is a pretty stunted mailing but quite enjoyable to read. The most important thing to notice is that after the OBE elections John Foyster is the new OBE. The voting was; John Foyster 5; Burnett Toskey 3; Ken Ford 1 and Spiro Agnew 1. Now that John has assumed the reigns of office he has begun a campaign to get ANZAPA back into shape and so far his plans look very encouraging and I'd suggest that if you are interested in joining you write to John quick at 6 Clowes Street, South Yarra, Victoria 3141.

SAPS 107 - 290 contains the annual Pillar Poll in which the only Australian member, myself, came 8th, getting in just ahead of Burnett Toskey by 175 votes to 172 votes. Jim & Doreen Webbert were re-elected to their 4th or 5th term in office, they beat Burnett Toskey by 11 votes to 1.

PAPA (otherwise known as Murray's Apa or The Apa with no-rules at all) - 64 pages, MINNEAPA 36 - 143 pages and MINNEAPA 42 - 120 pages.

DOWN BUT NOT OUT: Lee Harding was taken ill last week with an illness known as Quinsy which apparnetly does strange and possibly painful things to ones throat. Reports state that the worst is past and Lee will soon return to his busy schedule of work at Space Age. A get well card and a magnificently gift wrapped can of chicken soup were sent to cheer him up from the people at Degraves last Wednesday.

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