

ITEMS :- Reviews of "1,000,000 B.C." in daily and weekly papers provided mixed opinions. Some treated it favourably, some unfavourably, others treated it similar to "Tarzan" films.

"Sunday Sun" gave a favourable review to "The Last Man" stf book by Alfred Noyes.

Posters for "1,000,000 B.C." and "Turnabout" were placed side by side in Sydney recently. Possibly the only other time this has been done with fantasy films was when "Things to Come" and "The Tunnell" appeared.

Thankyou to the following editors for the continued reciprocation of their mags for OBS (overseas eds. this is):- Harry Warner Jr., Bob Tucker, Vincent Manning, J. Michael Rosenblum and Paul Freehafer.. Thass all!! (All others kindly take the hint!)

Corrections to items in the last issue:- ZEUS should have been priced at 4d. not 6d. as we stated last ish. Americans will be unable to purchase cheaper than 3 for 25 cents. "I will be worth it too!.... Editor Ronald B. Levy, by the way does not go into military camp until December and at Long Bay not the Showground....."

This being the first Anniversary of the Futurian Society may we mention one very interesting point which has cropped up in the course of discussion recently. Of the members who are - or rather -- were pro-"new"-Amazing only one ever lasted. The rest have at some time or other quit. To quote DR Evans:- "Such inconsistency."

We recollect a statement by Chas. S. Mustchin of Coolangatta, Queensland, to the effect that he would be in Sydney in October or November. What's happened. Chas?

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Futurian OBSERVER:- This is number 21 and as always comes from

10a Sully Street, Randwick, Sydney N.S.W., Australia. Editors are William D. Veney and Bert F. Castelli. 2 per single copy - 7 for 1/- and lowest acceptable from Americans is 7 for 20 cents.....

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NEW FANS REPLACE EX-FANS

During the rather rather erratic course of the history of the Futurian Society of Sydney quite a number of fans have come and gone. Just before the Society's suspension in September, we lost Ralph A. Smith, Keith Hooper, Noel Dwyer and one or two others. After the last meeting of the Society David R. Evans stated that he wanted nothing more to do with it (and is have nothing more to do with it incidentally) and Len C. Stubb had not been heard from for quite some time;

However, with the reviving interest in fandom, several new fans are coming into our midst. Already with us is Alan Cordner, member of "a certain secret scientific organisation". Randwick offers one or two possibilities now being investigated by fans living in that district and there is a possibility of "grabbing" Alan Connell. Though we think he might be in the A.I.F. Wonderl....

Cordner is of extensive scientific knowledge and at a gathering at the home of William D. Veney everyone became involved in deep discussion on everything under the sun. Or rather nearly everyone.

The first topic of discussion that night was on the problems confronting a publisher who might endeavour to publish a professional science fiction magazine in this country. Cordner said he could have a professional magazine promoted if he was certain of worthwhile circulation. question was not considered as important as that of getting authors for the project. As yet we know of few professional science fiction authors in this country. The fact remains that with sufficient material and circulation an Australian professional science fiction magazine of about 96 pages for the first issue could appear!

STOP PRESS:- A new aspect has caused the alteration of the pro-mags chances. It is extremely doubtful if the Registrar General would permit the appearance of a large magazine. Probably the publication would be allowed no more than 28 pages, and the publisher is not interested in anything as small as this.....

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