

# EXTRA

## MELBOURNE BULLETIN

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DENIAL  
OF  
MR. MACKENZIE.

The reason for this is a single foolscap sheet its- calling itself "Australian Science Fiction Newservice Ltd", and dealing with an undisguised satire on the "First Spring Convention". Keith Taylor & myself, and as far as I can guess, most active fans, received one of these a week or more ago - a Friday as I remember. The envelope had no identification mark on it, the only thing being the postmark - "Brunswick, Vic." This immediately threw suspicion on Marshall L. Mackenzie, but as you will understand later on, he could not have been responsible.'''Well, t h e Sunday after I received the sheet, I got a letter from Ron Levy, in which he stated that he suspected me as being responsible for it, that I had posted it in Brunswick to throw suspicion from myself onto Marsh Mackenzie. (For reasons which I don't think it's necessary to go in to, I would not do such a thing.).. Ron also said that he thought most fans would think the same, and there, I agree with him. I realized that this would very easily become the general opinion, and decided to issue a denial. Later, however, I decided to wait a week or so until letters arrived from Sydney, either confirming or blasting Ron's ideas on the subject. In the past week, an letters have turned up from Sydney - hence this extra. I am now going to attempt to prove to you that none of us down here that you know were responsible. I hope you have enough faith in me to take my word that every statement in this is the absolute truth.

First of all I'll make the plain statement that:-  
NEITHER MARSHALL MACKENZIE NOR PETER MERRIDIE NOR KEITH TAYLOR NOR  
MYSELF, KNOW THE SMALLEST THING ABOUT IT!

Now I'll try to prove it to you. First, Marsh Mackenzie. The night after I received the circular, I paid him a visit. He denied any knowledge of it, & proved it to me, too, because he had not received any fanzines for some time, and hence is not up-to-date enough in fan affairs to have written it.'''Next, Pete Merridie. He is ruled out for the same reason as Mackenzie. His interest in S-F lies solely in the area, & he is not at all inter-

ected in fan affairs. "Keithy next. He denies it, and as far as I know him, (and I know him very well) he would not do such a thing. Also as far as I know, he could not have done it, as, to the best of my knowledge, the only typer and duplicator to which he has access are mine - and the "thing" wasn't done on any machines." Lastly, myself. For one thing, I wouldn't have done it; (and even if I had, I would have made it clear somewhere that I was responsible) and for another, I couldn't have done it. The reason for the letter statement is that my duplicator will do nothing larger than quarto. The thing was foolscap and didn't look as if it had been done on a rotary. So there you are. I may have made a lot of fuss about nothing, but I think it wiser to issue this denial, as from Rex Levy's letter, I have reason to believe some misunderstandings may exist. I'm here only to disprove any statements that may have been made concerning us and the thing, and not to try and solve the mystery, if such it is. But my own personal opinion is that it was duplicated elsewhere, sent to a friend or relative in Melbourne, and posted from Brunswick. Of course the whole thing is harmless, but I'll warrant there're at least a couple of hurt feelings among the fans. So I hope this will clear up any misunderstandings which may have existed.

(Signed.)

Woy Hockley

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With which we proceed to fill up the page with some blab on future issues of A-F & M-R. "The next A-F (June; out end of May) will have the cover in four colors, and illustrations throughout in 4 colors. There will be four different fan artists doing the interiors, incidentally. Most of the content will be fiction, including the feature, "Martian Gesture", by Neal Dayer, the sequel to "Product of Mars"; "Jupiter Jumpers" by Colin Rodan; and the last and best instalment of "Shadow out of Space" by Yel Molesworth. One article: "How it Can be Told..." by Ye Ed. Together with Your Say, Quiz Page....oh, yeah, in this ish, there'll be a back cover. We expect that it will turn out about 24 pages. (Not the back cover!) "What Aussie fan mag presents you with four-color illustrations, good material, and a foto every month? You don't know? Why, M-R of course! Wait till you see next ish....wonderful cover by Bruce, and a foto of Ye Ed printed directly onto the paper, and not stuck in." (Yeah, that's an ad...how'd you guess?!!) P.S. May M-R will be very late, tho, as I'm working eyes-out on A-F..... Woy.

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