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FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY REFORMED

The seventy-eighth meeting of the Futurian Society of Sydney was held on Saturday, August 9, 1947, at 6 Balfour Road, Kensington. Present were Sterling Macoboy, Eric F. Russell, Graham Stone, Laura and Vol Molesworth.

The preceding constitution and rules were rescinded and the following constitution accepted in their place:

"The Futurian Society of Sydney is an organisation of persons interested in the discussion and promotion of science, weird and fantasy subjects. Persons living within 100 miles of Sydney are eligible for membership. Persons living elsewhere in the Southern Cross area may become associate members. Annual membership fee shall be one guinea, five shillings of which shall be payable on election. Associate members shall pay half a guinea per annum, of which half a crown shall be payable on election. Each member may invite one guest to any one meeting. Membership may be granted by a majority vote at any meeting. Membership automatically lapses after three months; non-payment of dues. Each member shall receive a copy of the constitution and copies of any stationary, notices, publications, etc issued by the society. Meetings shall be held on the second Saturday night of each month, and shall be conducted according to the rules of debate. A quorum shall consist of two executives and two other members. Elections for the positions of Director and Secretary shall be held quarterly. This constitution can be amended by a two thirds majority vote at a meeting after all members have been notified by circular of the proposal to amend."

"The following persons then became members under the new constitution: (1) Sterling Macoboy; (2) Mrs. Laura Molesworth; (3) Eric F. Russell; (4) Graham B. Stone; and (5) Vol Molesworth.

Eric F. Russell was elected Director of the society and Vol Molesworth was elected Secretary. It was decided that the duties of Treasurer would be carried out by the Secretary until such

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time as the society deemed it necessary to elect a separate executive for that work.

It was decided that the Society should have a library of books, magazines and fan publications for the benefit of members. Mrs. Molesworth volunteered to be custodian of the library. The Director pointed out that magazines could be obtained for the library which individual members may not themselves wish to collect. Any magazines obtained in exchange for club publications would be placed in the library. Mr. Stone said he would put a number of items into the library on indefinite loan.

Discussion was then held on club publications. It was decided to issue immediately a small monthly bulletin, to contain news and correspondence. In the future the Society would publish a high-grade magazine, with good art reproductions and editorial matter of more than ephemeral interest. Mr. Macoboy suggested that publications should be kept to a uniform size, viz. folded foolscap, which would enable copies to be bound. This was seconded by Mr. Stone, and carried. It was agreed that the monthly bulletin would be priced 3d. a copy to non-members and that Americans could subscribe at the rate of one prozine for six issues. The bulletin would publish general stf information as a service to its subscribers.

Mr. Molesworth pointed out that Colin Roden and Arthur Haddon (or Duncan) were still members of the Society. The Director said they would be notified of the change in constitution and the continuance of their membership would depend on their payment of fees.

It was unanimously agreed that meetings should dispense quickly with business and then be thrown open for informal discussion. No form of intense external activity of a political or other nature would be encouraged.

Mr. Molesworth was authorised to publish the first issue of the monthly bulletin, and a financial adjustment would be made at the next meeting, scheduled for Saturday, September 13.

- C O R R E S P O N D E N C E -

From S 10021, A/B Haddon, A.W. at A.M.5, Flinders Naval Depot, Victoria: "At last I am back in touch with Futurians. Needless to say I'm delighted and as far as being interested, you may entertain no doubts on that score. While I was on leave recently I had in mind a revival of activities and tried to contact former Futurians. You may reassure everyone that I am

with you to the hilt -- even to the extent of whitewashing our constitution on the walls of the G.P.O. To everyone who is contemplating the revival of fanzines I shall offer encouragement, both financial and literary. Also, if anyone is contacting American or English fans, let me in on it. If there is anyone in Melbourne I could meet I'd be happy to." (Hockley, Clarke, McLennan, please note. --Ed.)

From Sgt. William D. Veney, formerly in Japan, now believed to be on his way back to Australia: "I agree with you that there should be a group where Futurian-minded people could gather and discuss their ideals and principles. The old idea of the FSS and the SCFA was quite good, but we -- the members -- were not good enough for the standards we raised. The new organisation won't be any different from its predecessors: the main difference will be in us, the members. Also, activities will be limited. Anyway, I hope you will be successful."

From Ralph A. Smith, of Flat 2, "Rhodesia", Macleay St, Potts Point: "I was extremely pleased to hear that the Futurians are reuniting after this long break and reviving the old fanzines -- I am sure these magazines, and the scientific, literary and artistic thought that goes with them is too good an idea to be just shelved. I can't see my way clear to attend meetings, as my art studies keep me fairly busy, but it would give me great pleasure to do any illustrating that you may require now and then, and I feel sure that I could put up a far better showing than I did in the past. Remember me to all the boys, and I hope to see a fanzine soon. Best of luck."

From Bob Geappen, of 2 Stoke St, Newtown, Tasmania: "Hobart has not increased in its number of fans since the old days. It consisted of four at best and now would be at most three. There is Donald H. Tuck (the really "active" fan), John Symmons (who is the least active and must be the most voracious reader in all fandom) and myself (not so keen as once, but still able to enjoy a good Astounding or Unknown yarn). As to interest in fanzines, I must say quite bluntly that Tasmania will not see another one unless Don does all the work; Symmons and I have not the time of yesteryear. In those days I was still at school and had a few hours per week to call my own. But now I've got a govt. job by day, a part-time Bachelor of Commerce course at the University at night, and a job with my father in the week-end. If you man-

age to put out a fanzine please be assured of my full support... subscription and contributions if wanted and if within my meagre capabilities. I think you will find Don Tuck of the same mind, though again he might be keen to launch another PROFAN - if so I will be glad to help him. I will do all I can to help revive Australian fandom. What do you think of the modern trends in American science-fiction? Don gets a few magazines occasionally and what I've seen of them I'd swap the whole lot for "I, Robot" or any 1938 Ziff-Davis. (I was howled down for my likes in the old days--why not again?) I prefer Astounding to all other stf. mags but Unknown holds real pride of place in my esteem. As soon as my finances permit, I am going to get as many of the fantasy classics as I can, decently bound, for addition to the regular library shelves."

From DONALD H. TUCK, of 17 Audley Street, Nth. Hobart, Tasmania: "I am all in accord with a revival of activities, but cannot do much this year as I am finishing my B.Sc. degree and believe me, it entails quite a bit of hard work. My interest in stf. has been maintained by an occasional T.W.S. or Fantastic Adventures from a pen-friend in Bermuda, and lately I'm filling a few holes in my collection from S-F Publications (England) but at 4/6(stg) a copy I won't be doing too much of this. I only want about half a dozen Amazings now to complete them from January, 1929, to the ban. So count me in on what is going on. I'll do what I can but don't expect too much this year, anyway."

The Sydney Futurian is the official organ of the Futurian Society of Sydney. It is posted monthly to all financial members and associate members. To non-members, 3d. a copy; to Americans six issues for one current prozine. Exchange with all other fan publications guaranteed. News and correspondence welcomed. Editorial address: C/o the Secretary (Vol Molesworth), Sydney, N.S.W., Australia.

STF AVAILABLE IN BOOK FORM includes "The Best in Science Fiction" (Crown) 21/-; "Adventures in Time and Space" (Random House) 21/-; "Six Novels of the Supernatural" and "Novels of Science" (both in Viking Portable Library) 17/6. "Slan", "Weapon Makers", "Skylark of Space", "Spacehounds of I.P.C.", "Triplanetary", "The Black Flame", and other well-known magazine stories are now on sale in book form from various publishers in America.

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Library Catalogue #2.

June, 1948.

The items listed in this catalogue may be borrowed by members and associate members living within the Australasian postal area. Charge per item is 3d a fortnight, unless otherwise specified. Any item damaged or lost must be replaced or its value paid in cash. Library business is conducted by the Librarian, Mrs. Laura Molesworth, at 160 Beach Street, Coogee, Sydney, N.S.W.

BOOKS. -

- Bailey, Professor: Pilgrims Through Space & Time,
(sixpence per fortnight)
- Burroughs, Edgar Rice: Master Mind of Mars; Chessmen of Mars.
- Carlisle & Latham: Miracles Ahead.
- Frank, Pat: Mr. Adam.
- Hilton, James: Lost Horizon.
- Jenkins, Will F: The Murder of the U.S.A.
- Kerruish, J.D: The Undying Monster.
- Poe, Edgar Allan: Tales of Mystery & Imagination.
- Sears, Paul B: This is Our World.
- Sloane, William: The Edge of Running Water.
- Wallace, Edgar: Planetoid 127.
- Wells, H.G: The Time Machine, The War In The Air,
Things To Come, Star Begotten.
- Zim, H.S: Rockets and Jets.
- ANTHOLOGIES: Not At Night, Best Ghost Stories.

MAGAZINES. -

AMAZING STORIES

- May, 1927. January, 1928. March, 1929.
Feb., Mar., April, May, July, August-Sept., 1933.
January, July, October, 1934.
February, April, August, December, 1936.
March, 1937. March, 1944.

AMAZING (continued) -
July, September, December, 1947.
March, April, 1948.

ASTOUNDING
May, 1932. February, 1937. May, 1938.
October, November, December, 1947.
January, March, April, 1948.
British Reprints. - June, 1947. Oct, 1940. Feb, 1948.

FAMOUS FANTASTIC MYSTERIES. -
June, 1944. Feb, June, Oct, Dec, 1947.

FANTASTIC ADVENTURES. -
June, 1944. March, 1947. May, 1948.

FANTASTIC NOVELS. -
#6 (The Ship of Ishtar)

FANTASY BOOK #s 1 and 2

FANTASY (British; postwar) #s 1, 2 and 3.

NEW WORLDS. - (British) #s 1 and 5.

OUTLANDS. - (British) #1 (only issue).

PLANET STORIES. - Winter, 1939. Spring, 1948.

SCIENCE FICTION. - June, 1939.

STARTLING STORIES. -
November, 1939. Summer, 1946. January, 1948.

THRILLING WONDER STORIES. -
August, 1937. December, 1938.
February, October, 1939. April, December, 1947.
April, June, 1948.

UNKNOWN (British reprint): Spring, 1948.

MARVEL SCIENCE STORIES. - February, 1939.

WEIRD TALES

May, 1945. March, 1946. January, March, 1946.

WONDER STORIES

March, 1933.

February, April, May, July, August, 1934.

January, June, July, August, October, 1935.

February, April, 1936.

EXCERPTS. -

Binder, Erndo: The Destroyers From Mars; bound with

Reynolds, J: Vandals From the Sky.

Cloete, S: The Blast.

de Lue, Ross: Flight of the XS-102.

Heinlein, R: Space Jockey, It's Great to be Back,
The Green Hills of Earth.

Kersh, Gerald: Voices in the Dust.

Rich, H. Thompson: The Sunken Empire.

FAN PUBLICATIONS. -

The Alembic, #1. An Adventure In Good Reading,

Vol 2 #1. Astronaut, The (B.I.S.) August, 1938.

Astronaut, The (U.S.A.) September, 1947. Australian
Fan News, #1. Austra-Fantasy, June 1940.

Biblioworks (3 pamphlets). Black and White,
Summer 1944. Booklist, Summer 1948. Browsing (new
series) #2.

Canadian Fandom #14. Convention Pamphlets (4)

Catalyst, #1. Cosmos, #s 1-9.

Diablerie, #s 1 and 2. Discovery of the Future,
Heinlein's convention speech. Dream Quest, #s 1, 4, 5.

F. A. A. Bulletin, #1. Fan-Atic, Vol 1 #3, Vol 2 #1.

Fanews, #s 329-331, 338, 339. Fan Fare, Vol 1 #6.

Fan Fare supplement #1. Fan File, #1. Fantasear,
undated. Fantasy Commentator, Vol 2 #5. Fantasy

Advertiser, Vol 1 #s 3-6, Vol 2 #s 2-4, 6. Fantasy

Review, #s 1, 2, 4, 5. FLEZ Digest, #s 1, 3, 5. Fantasy

War Bulletin, Oct 39. Fantasy Times, #63.

Future, #1. Futurian, Pseudo- #s 3, 4. Futurian

War Digest, Oct, Dec 40; Jan, Feb, Mar-Jul, Aug,

Sept, Oct-Dec 41; Jan-Mar, Apr, May, Jul, Aug, Oct,

Nov, 42; Jul, Aug, Oct 43; Mar 45 (last issue).
Futurian Reporter, #s 1 and 2. Futurian Observer,
#s 1-53. Futurism Spotlight, #s 1, 2 and 4. (No
third issue).

Gorgon, The. Sept 47, Jan 48.

Hermes, #1.

Imaginative Stories circular.

Koolinda, #5.

Le Grande Bal Masque. Le Zombic #s 36, 40
Light, #s 34, 35. Looking Ahead, #s 6 and 7.

Macabre, #1. Melbourne Bulletin, #s 7, 8.

Mikros, Spring 41.

Movacious, #s 5 and 6. Nucleus, The, #3.

Operation Fantast, Dec 47; Jan, Mar 48.

Pluto, #s 2 to 6.

Sappho, #2. Science-Fantasy Publications
catalogue, #9. Science-Fantasy Review's War
Digest, #9. Science and Fantasy Fan Reporter,
#s 1-34. Shangri-La Affairs, #s 4, 5, 6, 8, 37,
38. Spaceways, Vol 1 #7; Vol 2 #s 1-7; Vol 3
#s 2-6; Vol 4 #5 and obit. notice. Starlight (two
issues). Sun Spots, Mar, Apr, May 41. Sun Trails,
#s 1 and 2. Synapse, Fall 1947.

Thots #1. Tympani, #s 16, 20, and April Fool
issue.

Ugh, #1 (incomplete). Ultra, Oct 39; April
40; Feb, Apr 41. Unique, Apr 41.

V.O.M., #s 5, 6, 8, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16,
17, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, and 39.

Wavelength (undated). Wild Hair, #1.

Yearbook of Science, Weird and Fantasy
Fiction, 1939.

Zeus, #s 1-6. Pseudo-Zeus, #s 2, 3.

The Library of the Futurian Society of
Sydney has returned all items which were
on loan and henceforth will accept only
permanent donations. At present, it
contains 19 books, 80 magazines, nine
excerpts, and 270 odd issues of some 78
fan titles. —(Mrs.) L. Molesworth.