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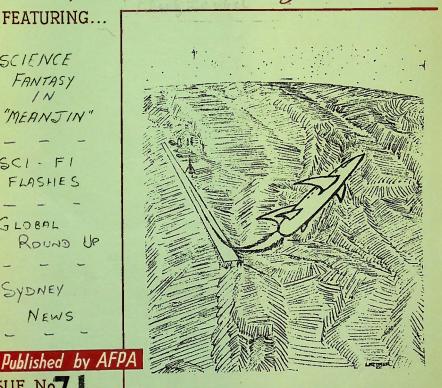
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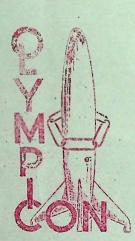


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STORY BY AUSTRALIAN AUTHOR DAL STIVENS

The serene blue sky of Planet 37 in Galaxy 3 cracked open with the roar of the approaching rocket on that summer morning of 2000 A.D. The flamingoes shuttered up off the green lake, eland jack-knifed it up the blue hills. The silver rocket with a corona playing around its stern came in fast over the villa and then sheered up on its tail, prior to landing.

> -- Damn ! cried Mr. Lotus. -- Botheration ! said Mrs. Lotus.

Thus, with something of the flavour of Ray Bradbury perhaps, and without quotation marks, in the manner of MEANJEN, begins a story in the Autumn issue of Australia's high brow literary quarterly, MEANJIN, published in May of this year.

The story is PARADISE PRESERVED, by Dal Stivens, which was previously published in FANTASTIC UNIVERSE in May 1955 - exactly one year earlier.

We should, no doubt, hail this as a good sign for science fiction and science fantasy - that MEANJIN, which, 2 years ago, took cognisance of science fiction in two articles⁺ on the subject, should accept a fantasy about space ships and interplanetary goings-on. (That it is fantasy there need be no argu ment, for two of the characters are a centaur and the Flying Dutchman, and a third is an 'India Rubber Man'). And we should offer felicitations to Dal Stivens.

SCIENCE FANTASY IN MEANJIN

Stivens may not be widely known outside 'literary' circles, where he is a recognised writer of a particular type. He specialises in the short story of the plotless, 'realistic' fragment' type, in the vignette of character and mood, in the portrayal of the 'slice of life' -- mostly of outback Australians , but occasionally of the average city dweller or suburbanite. Originally devoted to meticulously observed and recorded episodes of the starker and harsher aspects of life, he has more recently dabbled in fantasy, whinsy, and the 'outrageous lie' type of story.

Several of Dal Stivens' whimsical items have appeared in FANTASEIC UNIVERSE during the past couple of years Since PARADISE PRESERVED has appeared there, it might be fairly inferred that MEANJIN, in publishing it also, is at least couett ing with science fantasy. And this is something to approve with pleasure. 'Tis only one more step (though perhaps two more years) to publishing something truly science fiction in the Gernsback manner.

Dal Ctivens, who now lives and works as a journalist in London, is an occasional visitor to the London Circle. During his sojourn in Queensland last year, Arthur C. Clarke mentioned having met him there several times. It is time, I think, to claim Dal Stivens as an Australian science fantasy author - although rather premature, perhaps, to claim MEANJIN as an Australian SF magazine !

Frank Bryning.

+ See MEANJIN No. 57, Winter 1954: The Phenomenon of Science Fiction by R. F. Brissenden, and What Has Science Fiction To Say ? by F. B. Bryning.

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Due in June are cheap editions from Weidenfeld & Micholson of the following : THE WEAPON MAKERS by Van Vogt, CITY by Simak, AHEAD OF TIME by Kuttner and BEACH -HEADS IN SPACE by Derleth, all at 5/- stg. each.

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We read with interest the news that SCIENCE FICTION MONTHLY is to have a fan department commencing with No. 12. This is a very gratifying step forward, and we offer our sincere congratulations to Graham Stone who will be in charge.

But we hope this does not mean that SEMONTHLY will follow the leads of its two predecessors who ran a fan section.

A new item Stateside is

RAT RACE by Alfred Bester, from Berkeley at 35c . Retitling ?

Our Melbourne author, W. N. Whiteford has done it again. In SQUIRE for July, he has BIG CH-AMCE, complete with illustration !

On Saturday, June 2nd, Melbourne groupers Harry Williams and Joan Day were married at St. Kil-

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da, and the Group wishes them a happy and prosperous married life. They are at present in Sydney on their honeymoon in Sydney. As they did not ask for any fannish addresses, we gather that SF will be held in abeyance for the nonce.

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Indie producer Roger Corman has registered the following film titles : THE BEAST FROM BEYOND THE STARS , MONSTER FROM BENEATH THE SEA and THE DAY THE WIRLD ENDED, while a competitor, Sam Katzman replied with the following : THE BEAST FROM BEYOND THE SKY, IT CAME FROM BENEATH THE SEA and THE DAY THE WORLD EXPLODED.

Hr. Corman protested strongly !

Coming !!

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New books announced by British publish ers include a first attempt at SF by publisher Jonathan Cape. Book is titled DAVM IN ANDERMEDA by E. C. Large, and will be out within 3 months at 15/- stg. A new saturate thriller from Dennis Wheatley, from Hutchinson on July 9th at 16/- stg, THE KA OF GIFFORD HILARY. Out in UK is Philip K. Dick's WORLD OF CHANCE from Rich & Cowan at 9/6 stg; Alan E. Nourse's TROUBLE ON TITAN, a juvenile was issued by Hutchinson at 10/6 stg; George Gamow's ONE TWO THREE INFINITY is out from Mentor Books at 3/6 stg; Heinlein's GREEN HILLS OF EARTH, at 2/- stg from Par:

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SYDNEY NEWS

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Vol Molesworth threw a party to announce the engagement of Graham Stone. We haven't heard the name of the lucky girl.

Neville Cohen and Totti Kaplan are married. Our congratulations and best wishes.

Bluey Glick and Loralie were at the wedding, while some of the other Sydney fans went up to Wyong to see Norma Hemming. A nice day was had by all - even those who got lost !

A storeman dropped some glassware empty, we believe - on Dave Cohen's head. Four stitches in the Cohen scalp, plus complications have put Dave hors de combat for a week or so. Our sympathy, Dave, and we hope you soon recover completely. Melbourne has always had the belief that a solid skull was needed in Sydney - we are now confirmed in that idea !

A Bertram Chandler doesn't get around much any more. He's writing furiously during voyages, and selling some occasionally. Coming to the Olympicon, Bert?

Sydneysider

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C U IN DECEMBER !!!!!!

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American Releasing Corp's fannish president, James Nicholson, who was a member of the Boys Scientifiction Society with me at high school, has purchased a yarn we both used to enjoy way, way back. Titled THE Nth MAN, it appeared ' in the old AMAZING QUARTERLY. Scifi artist Paul Blaisdell will build and operate the Nth Man, and if location shots are made in Japan as an ticipated, will meet Tetsu Yano in Tokyo . Author Homer Eon Flint died a quarter century ago, but his delightful widow was delighted at the prospect of seeing her late husband's two mile high creation striding across the screen.

UNDERSEA ARMADA, a BLUEBOOK atomic sub thriller by Michael Lauler has been optioned from me by George Fox Productions, and Mike is at the moment working on a full · length novel version of the story.

After George Pal had asked me to try and obtain the rights to BRAVE NEW WORLD, I started to dig and found.. it was purchased by RKO exactly twenty four years ago ! What about some action, fellers !

Jack Seaman, who produced Heinlein's PRO-JECT MOONBASE, is interested in S. J. Byrne's TOMORROW UNICHOWN, and in the possibility of Frank Quattrocchi scripting Jack Williamson's DRAGON'S ISLAND.

Mooted for future scifilm are : VINTAGE SEASON by Kuttner, THE MAN FROM TOMORROW by Tucker, CONQUEROR'S IS LE by Bond and TIME WANTS A S'ILLETON by Rocklynne.

Forrest J. Ackerman

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HARYEY BLANKS AND CAPTAIN MIRACLE

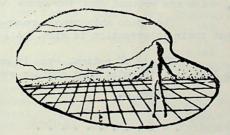
In an interview, Harvey Blanks, who is scripting CAFTAIN MIRACLE for Crawford Productions over a nationwide hookup explained that producer Dorothy Crawford is continually asking to write down his space opera. Harvey considers - like Heinlein - that modern children are more au fait with the genre than many of their elders - and I, as a school teacher know this from practical experience.

The contract calls for $205 \frac{1}{4}$ hr. episodes, and it is possible that the last 25 episodes will be written with a different approach. Authors may be asked to submit their ideas of the final series with a more adult approach, Harvey will edit them, and submit them to Crawford's for final approval.

CAPTAIN MIRACLE is to be followed by either an adult SF scrial, of a series of complete $\frac{1}{2}$ hour plays. (Budding authors, please note) Incidentally, Harvey says that his wife's attitude to SF has now changed - money is a convincing proselytizer. Best wishes Harvey !

Bob McCubbin

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BOOK REVIEW

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THE WORLD WRECKER by Sydney J. Bounds, published by Foulsham, London. Available from McGills at 10/9.

This is THE had scientist story.

Ralph Savage suffers radiation burns in a pile mishap. Soured on humanity, he bolts to South America, where he finds a deserted space ship. Soon 'ghosts' appear in all sorts of impregnable spots, followed by a rash of 'impossible' thefts.

Inspector Crispian of Scotland Yard is assigned to the case and then a Beauty contest winner disappears. A scientist (good) gets on the trail of unusual forces, and Savage's hideout is located. It proves invulnerable to humanity. Savage using the fourth dimension, plants rocks in a 'sub-energy' state under cities, which are wrecked when the rocks return to normal.

The space ship owners reappear and take some convincing that their intervention is wise. All ends in wedding bells.

Plenty of action, even if somewhat incredible for those who like it, otherwise just another story.

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who might well find it an admirable companion to his regular science fiction diet.

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Frank Herbert, a name unknown to me, has the first part of his serial, UNDER PRESSURE very much graced by a Van Dongen cover. The scrial most strikingly deals with the men who ride subs over a mile down and with the various press ures to which they are subject . Begins well. NOBODY BOTHERS GUS by Paul Janvier concerns a big man who - almost - isn't there. Good. Raymond F. Jones returns to ASF . with CUBS OF THE WOLF , a story of a most unusual culture. Good. Irving W. Lande - more new talent contributes SLIFGSHOT. What would ASF be without a space station or guided missile yarn. This one is fair. Final story is AS LONG AS YOU WISH by John O'Keefe, another newcomer. Features end quite a good issue. Tony Santos.

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Interesting cover by Terry, who is a

new name to me.

John Brunner has a novelette THIS ROUGH MAGIC which was quite good.

Also rated good were most of the shorts Lan Wright's WISHES THREE, a new angle on gnomes; GUINEVERE FOR EVERYBODY a reprint by Jack Williamson which features the ultimate in slot machines; Peter Phillips' FIRST MAN ON THE MOON and Julian Frey's HEAD FIRST, which is about some very peculiar ET's. Those rated fair were Brian W. Aldiss'

THE FAILED MEN; FAIR WEATHER FRIEND by John Kippax and Dan Mor - gan's BEAST OF THE FIELD.

h good issue.

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Anthe Bondago Humber 67. 3/-

Cover by J. E. Mortimer is quite good. Lead story MAN IN BETVIEW by Carl Moulton has a disgruntled prospector who helps to combine claim jumpers - a western in space. Ted Tubb's A WOHAN'S WORK is a very

poor effort about a pushing wife, while GRANT IN AID by S.J. Bourds has an under cover alien helping Earth to attain maturity by paying for PSI research. Fair.

Bob Presslie's hero makes the grade after he is dead in POST MORTEM. Fair. Alan Innes' THE LONG JOU-RNEY contains a new type of alien - metallic termites. Fair.

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Ron Paul's THE LONELY IN ORTAL picked the vrong time to become one. Fair. TATLOR MADE to fit, suggests Tony Blake, but look at the inhabitants first. Fair. Dan Morgan presents another problem in space medicine in THE EARTH NEVER SETS. DR. BLAISE made a monkey out of his rival, aided by Robert Lawson. Poor. The WAIF ASTRAY was a travelling time

bomb, according to John Kippax. Fair.

The <u>few</u> articles were all fairly interesting, but the stories were not a very good batch.

Just a fair issue.

Jack Keating.



B.R. No. 37. 2/9

The cover by LISH is very good.

I enjoyed MAN IN A SEWING MACHINE by J. L.Stecher Jr., which concerns a cute computer that answers problems with parallels and conundrums with cliches.

Also amusing was Robert Bloch's DEAD END DOC-TOR. The ends this doctor treated were indeed dead !THE CORKSCREW! OF SPACE by Poul Anderson gives a new light on a to-be- celebrated inventor. Fair.

All but one of the stories belong in the light and trite vein, and Arthur Sellings' THE CATEGORY INVENTORS is not the exception. Isn't the hardest job of all finding something to do?

Christopher Grimm's BODYGUARD is the only one of the hea vy type, and it concerns some small scale shuffling of bodies.

A good issue.

Tony Santos.

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SCIENCE FICTION Monthly No. 10. 2/-

This issue contains five average stories, none downright bad, but none good. It is to be hoped that, with the amount of material available, the editor can come up with some better stuff for the next issues.

It seems such a pity that this maga zine, with all its advantages - which should be a first class magazine - so consistently misses the mark.

Contents: THE DAY THE SUN DIES by Dan Galouye - all the world's a dream - a bad dream.

THE UNDERGROUND by Gordon Dickson is another on the little tin soldier. MARTYR'S FLIGHT by Hank Searls - a few people up in the air about a war.

SELLING POINT by Norman Arkaway - two gears in mesh. NOT IN THE SCRIPT by Armand Marmor - a play with the greatest ever cast.

Whatever US magazine SEM is selecting its stories from - HMAGINATION, COSMOS, SEPENUS to name a few in the past - cannot be among the top class . I would suggest that the publishers try and obtain rights to some of the IF material, how that the BRE has finished. That is at least on the top rung of the middle class.

Tony Santos.



From Roger Sebel, 13 Carrington Ave, Bellvue Hill, Sydney, NSW. 1/6 a copy.

Rog hopes to publish 2 issues a year. The cover is a photograph of a drawing done by Bruce King, and it seems to owe something to Rosalcen Norton. The editorial is the usual apologies, brags and appeals common to all fanmags.

The pages are unnumbered, but I counted 40, in the same format as ETHERLINE.

It has a reprint of Christopher's nostalgic plea for the old BEM's, short stories by Barry Bell, Michael Duggan, Patsy Lang, John Keller, David Rankin (a very, very mixed bag), poems by J. D. Alexander, articles, reviews, trading ads.

Rog thinks it's easy to do SF cartoons ,

wheras I think good ones are scarce. He persuaded me to give an individual rat

ting of anthologies, but I'm not going to stick my neck out that -away for MC2. After all, you don't have to swim to get from Sydney to Melbourne, and I bruise easily !

Best wishes for the new zine and I hope you get your 250 copies sold, you optimist you !

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