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SYDNEY FANDOM'S NEW ERA.

Millo Price - 2d.

This last fortnight has been one of shocks for Sydney feas. Firstly the real pieness of Australian fandom, William D. Veney, has announced his intention of dropping completely out of fandom. Before him Kenn
oth N. Luyer headed in his resignation from the FSS and then came Ralph
1. Smith's statement that he would drop fan magazines and appear only at
FSS meetings. The most important reason for such action comes from VDV.
Putting it into ordinary terms, he is fed up with fandom! Why? Because
testings fandom, perticularly in Sydney areas, is making no real progress despite all work which has been put into helping it along! In the
lest twoice months we have achieved nothing!

When William D. Veney and I commenced duties in our respective positions as Director and Secretary of the Euturian Society of Sydney, we first applied a scheme which was to net members and bring about a change for the cetter in the state of the ESS. At that time membership was much lover than it is today. The application of the scheme outside the ESS proved successful to a certain extent: But then we proceeded to bring it aght into the club - to the members themselves: - to tay and better the internal position: The result was a miserable failure!

WHY? Our object had been to see the club accomplish things - to progress! Everything that was brought up by the Ameeutives or sometimes enougher was promptly downed. Some ideas were supported and then dumped again! If the members had objected to the scheme they had only to say set. If they objected to the Executives methods in the club, they still had only to open this mouths! Was it because interest had some or was going? If this has been the case the club has been in one big rut since its inauguration - it still is!

The poor spirit of the PSS is termed by one member as inconsistency he is quite right too. The members are far too inconsistent!! Take also the very poor enthusiasm shown recently by the rothen support of Futurian Action!! Is the reason for this inconsistency to be blamed on the Exceptives? I think not. As stated before, members had only to speak their minds if they were dissatisfied with the club's position. At the next meeting the Futurian Society will have a new Director and Secretary to manage the meeting. David R. Evans and Vol Molesworth. They for wheter are elected to the position) have a big jeb on their hands, otherwise if for, after all, what has the Futurian Society to offer new members? The "old guard" of members are being replaced by a "new guard" it is true. But those of the "old guard" who are still hanging on must do something to make the club worth while for the new! There is no thing to hold a new member! — nothing to attract him from the moment be enters the club — to keep him there, an interested fant!

In five days United States fans will congregate in Chicago in order to hold the Second World Science Fiction Convention (Chicon.) They will be there from all parts of the U.S. Australian fandom meanwhile is thus wictoria a awakening, Queensland a confusing. Tasmania a very little cope. South Australia a no hope, Western Australia a citto, Sydney a the biggest mess it has ever been in to date!! And so while imerican fandom flies it flag at the top of the mast, Australian fandom lies in the gutter!!

Addmittedly, the ban is spoiling our chances. But wait! Look at the state of British fandom, which, while considered dead in most sources, is really fighting a battle to keep alive! British fans, hampered by the so-called "blitzkrieg" are still keeping together!! They are still is saing three fan magazines! They too are under a ban, but not only that—under restricted conditions everywhere: Yet they still keep going!!! Continued over page:

Joan the TAL

(Cont. From page one):- Australian fandom has a battle to fight tooking But it is not ashard as that of the Britons' -- by comparison it is not plet. The editors of this sheet will not call upon fans to make plet. The editors of this sheet will not call upon fans to make plet. Any autempt to round!" - "keep fighting" - as it has done in the past. Any autempt to oreste any semblance of the real science fiction fan in Australia nes is cled."

OBSERVER intends only to watch - and wait: - Bart F. Castellari.

From ARIC F. RUSSELL: "I read with surprise in the last issue of your news-fortnightly, that the 14th meating was order ly and enjoyable!!!! To say the least the meeting may as rowdy, at time resembling a bear garden and once in every thirty minutes was it any good.... (On the contrary. That meeting was an order and once in every thirty minutes was it any good....

erly one: - OBS)

"In your cartoon of Bruce Sawyer, I see that one of you (probably Senor Castellari of Sully Street) has referred to me as "Eck" - also did Vol Molesworth in COSMOS, when he was editing it. To be quite frank, I don Molesworth in COSMOS, when he was editing it. To be quite frank, I don Molesworth in COSMOS, when he was editing it. To be quite frank, I don Molesworth in COSMOS, when he was editing it. To be quite frank, I don Molesworth in COSMOS, when he was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 3. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this.) 4. Fantastic Mineral Fantasy (but there was some grounds for this

Anyone who has seen the latest issue of LE ZOMBTE will be surprised to note how alike (judging from the photo) Sully Roberds and Ronald B. Levy are! Levy is, as far as we can see, not as and Ronald B. Levy are! Levy is, as far as we can see, not as tall as Roberds seems to be, and his hair is a little darker!... The editorial staff of ZEUS is sorry to announce that owing to the fact that iterial staff of ZEUS is sorry to announce that owing to the fact that william D. Veney and Ralph A. Smith are dropping fan mags, that the mag will be unable to continue... HERMES, the long overdue supplement to ULTRA, has appeared in the form of a folded quarto sheet. Tis OK. And as editor will charge from second issue order yours now... Ye eds of ULTRA incidentally request material from all Australian fans for their lst Anniversary issue... Here are the latest results in Vol Molesworth's poll for the ACA Cup: William D. Veney - 11, Warwick Hockley - 10, Bert Castellari - 6, Kenneth N. Dwyer - 5, Ralph A. Smith, Vol Molesworth 4 each, David R. Evans - 3, Eric F. Russell - 2, Kenneth A. Williams - 1. 0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0

EDITORS OF US fan publications please note: Futurian OBSERVER and COSMOS will, commencing this issue, be mailed together. Kindly, forward trades to seperateaddresses of these mags:

AFTER NOT ING "Column?" in the latest ULTRA ye eds decided to help EFR in his hard task of finding personals and suggest the foll

owing:
"Sydney's new fan (Weather: Rather mild at the moment, but rain expected) is Colin Roden of Bondi, Sydney.

A few Sydney people correspond with Wollheim.

Moxon has seen only two Sydney fans.

COSMOS' 4th issue was 1 quarto sheet with elite type acc ording to our files...." No doubt this should help IRR for the time being and should be need any more help we suggest he wasch the columns