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FUTURIAN SOCIETY OF SYDNEY - ONE YEAR

The Futurian Society of Sydney has now completed its first ye ar of Existance. There were no celebrations and no conferences to co mmemorate this event. Not even a general fan rally, with possible ex ception of a gathering at the Mater Misericordiae Hospital when Vol Molesworth, Bert F. Castellari and William D. Veney obewed the rag ov er the past year's activity. Only apathy, disinterestedness and personal feuding marked the date of Australia's eldest and best known fan organisation's birthday.

But now that is past, than k goodness, and instead of looking back over the errors and mistakes of yesteryear let us lock ahead to the new, virile and re-organised Futurian Society of Sydney that is about to enter fan activities, with a wealth of experience at its fing ertips. There are many problems to be solved, many wounds to be he aled, but we are confident that a permanent solution will be found, enabling us to proceed rapidly wit h much needed progressive discussion. Briefly we will review the si tuation as it stands.

The FSS officially, has th irteen members, but actually has a bout eight. Two fans, Keith Hooper and Ralph A. Smith had announced their resignations before the disintegration, but for some reason their names had been left on th e club register by Director Evans. Also, Director Evans, himself, has announced his resignation, but this cannot be recognised until a new executive is elected to the va cated positions. Len C. Stubbs ha sn't communicated with any fansfor about three months, so it seems as though he is out. And finally, via Bruce M. Sawyer, we hear Eric F. R ussell will not occupy the position of secretary alotted to him by Evans. In short the club is leaderless, is holding no meetings, an d for all intents and purposes, no n-existent.

in all probability, the next (19 th) meeting will be held at 10a Sully Street, Randwick, on the e vening of Friday, November 29th. Only a few members will be invit ed and even all these may not be present at future meetings. There is no be stricter control on the entry of new members and the se, along with present members desiring to remain within, must come up to a standard in regard to the basic essentials required for an active participant in club affairs. No more slackers are wa nted. For a club to be successful it must be capable of mainta ining the interest of members all the time and for us to be able to do this we must have fans who are interested in similar topics without making disugsting gestur es and yewns or indulging in some form of diductic tom-fo olery.

There is little further that remains to be said except to point out an edd conneidence. Be fore the FSS disintegrated Direc tor Evans' last act was to appoint Eric F. Russell his secretar y. Now, with Smith, Dwyer, Hoop er and we presume, Teddy Russell and Colin Roden, both these fans are "cut." We wonder if their previous bombastic utterances ab out "unity" and "organisation" had any backing or were merely so much hot air and actually their entire policy of fan development depended upon the solidarity and support of the Veney-Castellari-Levy triumvirate.

Futurian OBSERVER.

Reviews of "L,000,000 B.C." in daily and we ITEMS -

ekly papers provided mixed opinions. Some treated it favourably, some unfavourably, ot hers treated it similar to "Tarz-an" films.

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

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

Thankyou to the following editors for the <u>continued</u> receprocation of their mags for OBS (overseas eds. this is): - Harry Warner Jr., Bob Tucker, Vincent Manning, J. Micha el Rosenblum and Paul Freehafer.. Thass all: (<u>Allsothers kindly t</u> ake the hint:)

Corrections to items in the last issue: - ZEUS should have been pri issue:- 2005 should have been pri-ced at 4d. not 6d. as we stated 1 ast ish. Americans will be unable to purchase cheaper than 3 for 25 cents. Twill be worth it too!... Iditor Ronald B. Levy, by the way does not go into military ca-mp until December and at Long Bay not the Showground.....

This being the first Anniversary of the Futurian Society may we me ntion 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 so me time or other quit. To quute IREvans:- "Such inconsist-ency." ency.

We recollect a statement by Chas. S. Mustchin of Coolangatta, Queen sland, to the effect that he would be in Sydney in October or Novemb er. What's happened.Chas? - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 - 0 -

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NEW FANS REPLACE EX-FANS

NEW FANS REPLACE EX-FANS During the rather rather errat ic course of the history of the Futurian Society of Sydney quite a number of fans have come and go ne. Just before the Society's sus pension in September, we lost Ral ph A. Smith, Keith Hooper, Noel D wyer and one or two others. After the last meeting of the Society D avid R. Evans stated that he want ed nothing more to do with it (an ed nothing more to do with it (an d 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 int erest in fandom, several new fans are coming into our midst. Already with us is Alan Cordner, member of a certain secret scientific orga nisation". Randwick offers one or two possibilities now being inves tigated by fans living in that di strict and there is a possibility of "grabbing" Alan Connell. Though h we think be might be in the A.I F. Wonderl F. Wonderl....

Cordner is of extensive scient ific knowledge and at a gathering at the home of William D. Veney e 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 con fronting a publisher who might en deavour to publish a professional science fiction magazine in this country. Cordner said he cou Id have a professional magazine promoted if he was certain of wor thumbile circulation. question was thwhile circulation. question was not considered as important as th at of getting authors for the pro ject. As yet we know of few prof essional science fiction authors in this country. The fact remains that with sufficient material and circulation an Australian profess ional science fiction magazine of about %pages for the first issue could appear!

STOP PRESS: -A new aspect has ca used the alteration of the pro-mags chances. It is ex tremely doubtful if the Registrar General would permit theappearance of a large magazine. Probably the publication would be allowed no m ore than 28 pages, and the publis her is not interested in anything as small as this as small as this -0 - 0 - 0 - 0 A VC Publication -0 - 0