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Well, here we are with the second issue of MELBOURNE BULLETIN..with four pages too! This is the second issue to appear in November, and the third should be out about December the tenth --as yet I haven't any idea how many pages it will be, or what'll it contain.....but please, for heaven's sake, send a letter for SCIENCE FICTION FAN, 42 BAY.....

Forecast for next AUSTRALIAN FANTASY.....  
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This ought to appear a couple of weeks before Christmas, and will contain:---  
A short fantasy by Ralph A. Smith----  
"The Lord of Banchobha".....another short - "A Product of Mars", by Noel Sawyer..

That's all so far, and if somebody doesn't seem to light with a few contributions, that'll be all the issue will contain. So please send along something.

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# BULLETIN

IN THE CRYSTAL BALL.

by The Secr. (alias Wog Roadley)

.....in "The Great Breakers" currently showing in Sydney, and on its suburban run in Melbourne - Bob Hope says to a supposed female - "Er-uhm" we interest you in a subscription to "WIRD stories"?.....in the "Australian Women's Weekly" of November 14th, there are a number of scenes from "Dr. Cyclops", and this, together with the fact that there was a double spread of scenes from the same film, in WIX of November 9th, large things look as if the film will be released anywhere soon.....(I type this on November 14th).....does anyone know if Clark Ashton Smith has written a book entitled, "Edgar Allan Poe"???? In a "Readers Digest", I saw a G. A. Smith quoted as the author of a book by that name. Could it be the G. A. Smith???.....there is an article on fossil hunting in the "Woman's Mirror" of about November 14th, and in it, the writer says:-".....science was closed book to us. Of course I had read science magazines with space ships and monsters from Mars.....".....at present Melbourne newspapers aren't running any fantasy or science fiction stories... Flash Gordon stopped a few weeks after the outbreak of war; The Space Patrol ended up last week; and I thing Brian Brufford stopped some time ago.....from a friend at school, I got hold of a French (pre-war) colored comic - "Robinson", in which is to be found our old friend Flash Gordon crouching under the name of Guy L'clair, which seems Guy L'clairing!

.....the Futurion Society of Melbourne has suffered a temporary setback owing to the fact that both Keith and I have been doing errandings, and that Marshall MacLennan has been studying extra hard lately. But Xmas holidays are almost on us, and we hope to be able to re-organise it in a better manner than before, during the holidays - as you probably know, we held but one meeting before things went flap.....  
.....when looking through a case of books that I hadn't touched for about four years, I came across a novel entitled "The Inca's Treasure House" - - three guesses who wrote it - - yep, you're correct: A. Hyatt Verrill it is..... About two boys who got lost somewhere in South America (ofcourse) and find the "lost tribe" of Incas ---resulting adventures, etc..... It seems that Verrill is the author of a series called "The Boy Adventurer".... noticed that in a recent "Woman's Weekly" there was a non-stif yarn by Theodore Sturgeon.....should have mentioned this some time ago - - - at the Myer Experiment down here about two months ago, I saw another issue of MARVEL TALES, which needed to be seen more easy and blood-and-thunder than the first set of MARVEL TALES. Unfortunately I had no money on me at the time, and didn't buy it..had anybody seen this anywhere else????

That closes the source for this 14th....

VALDESWORTH SAYS:-

".....Thank for the E-B's. (Aside: why not nick name it 'The 124 Suggest'?).....sooner I've got rid of you won't use this 14) and your letter.....Since I've been in bed, I've written a trilogy---all three booklength, featuring the Skull, self styled 'butcher of the Void' :- "Death's Head through the Void," "Death's Head through the Ages" (phases of "Time's Mausoleum") and "Death's Head Destroy!" ----Void is slated for ZENUS, -Agas for ULTRA, and Destiny for AUSTRIA FANTASY. Another short I wrote was "Grant's Servus" for Benny Levy's second set of ZENUS.....I am at present engaged on an 80,000 word novel (Poem 1/4) entitled "The Five Republics" which is a story of 1957 Europe, and tells of the events leading up to the third war. Macedonia is restored and Bucharest proves the Sarajevo of '57. It will be scrapped when I'm up to Chapter 17 or thereabouts... one of my grandchildren will possibly complete it.

Good news! The foundations of our new Grasshalls have been laid yesterday and am I excited! It will be finished when I am allowed home, and will spread my "recovery month" arranging-----at last!!!!!! Shelves for magazines, framed pictures of the Monitor, Things to Come, 1,000,000 Boney etc., on the walls, desk, and a boy!-----it will resemble a space ship by the time my chairs are shifted in, the radio stuck in one corner, the metal rockets strung from the roof and the walls covered with America's back covers!.....and of course some semi-QXity. Have you read CARVED MYSTERY COINCIDENCE? I know those York comic books stink, but this one is heavy! Especially No. 2. Buy it today! Ask!!....."

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Can now give the (I think it will be, anyhow) final lineup for the December A-F. Besides those mentioned on page one, there will be.... Poetry by Bruce Sawyer and Ralph A. Smith (which means Ralph is represented twice), another article by WAGNER, the above mentioned yarn by Valdesworth, and a special depiction by Donald Tuck. This issue will have a couple changes:- namely that the size will be changed to quarto, and that it will be mimeo instead of heated. And soon, either in this or A-F, will start a short serial by Peter McBride. Not first of all I have to do a little censoring! Some like it hot, and Pete does!

.....When she stopped abruptly and pointed to a fellow prisoner near me, she screamed "He shall die first!" He was immediately seized, and thrust screaming towards the aperture. There was a roar and a hiss, and he disappeared.....and "The Land of Banabash" by Ralph A. Smith, in the December AUSTRIA FANTASY..

Correction:-- "In the Crystal Ball on page 2, it is stated that Brick Bradford, the connoisseur, has finished up in Melbourne.. This is an error, he hasn't.. See 5/7. You know "Winged Terror" in No. 2 FANTASY??? Well, it was a reprint. It was first printed in Strand Magazine round about 1932. The cover on the FANTASY was also copied from the one on Strand..... The December ASTONISHING will have "H-14-Breeds on Venus" by Isaac Asimov, the sequel to his yarn in STONI No. 1.....

Little item for "Sinister Barrier" and Fortean fans---The other day, while I was listening to the radio and trying to type at the same time, our dog started to bark. I got up and went after him to shut him up, and saw that he was behaving very peculiarly. As he barked, he pointed his head at a spot about 12 feet from the ground and his eyes never left that spot. He barked fearfully, and kept his eyes on the same spot all the time. Was it a Witen, watching us???? Perhaps.

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