



THE 'PSEUDO ~ FUTURIAN'

Or, one of the Horrors of War

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INTRODUCTORY ISSUE E And a complete surprise to fandom

In an attempt to keep in touch with fandom in this country during the vicissitudes to come; and also particularly to try and keep some sort of interconnection between the United States and ourselves, and finally, as a means of self expression for myself I want to keep this little 'gossip' sheet in being during the present emergency. I am afraid that "The Futurian" has gone for the duration, much to my sorrow, if not perhaps so much to yours; said he angling for compliments. Though I do like to think that the efforts of first, our Leeds SFL members and latterly of myself (almost) alone, have been of some little avail to fandom at large. But the Gods (or at least the Government) are against us, and that prime requisite 'time' is no longer available. Therefore I hope that this little sheet will be welcomed warmly.

and supported so that it may continue. I hardly think it fair to charge for it, but not being a philanthropic millionaire, must ask those who would like to receive future issues to forward a Stamped Addressed Envelope (1d. stamp, normal-sized envelope) for each copy they wish to receive - I hope to issue it monthly.

Unless they request the contrary, present subscribers to "The Futurian" will receive 3 issues of Pseudo-Futurian instead of each one of "F", thus making their subscriptions last the same length of time. Moreover I hope all exchanges will continue - at least my end of them will. So if you don't exchange, or have a sub. still outstanding ----- you will find an 'X' mark at the side here, and are thereby requested to send (say) 3 S.A. envelopes to yours truly Americans please send 2cent stamps loose.

As to policy; well anything goes! We will be completely informal and put in anything that comes in handy. One side might be used for a short article if that sort of thing is requested, any news or gossip I believe worthy of publication will be included, current book data or reviews of books, fan biographies, news of pro and fan magazines as available, answers to interesting queries - if there are any such, or snippets of information from Lord-knows-where. Correspondents are hereby warned that their letters are liable to be quoted without a by-your-leave, unless I am particularly asked not to.

That ought to be about enough for an introduction. Don't forget to drop me a line and include those envelopes!

FAREWELL MESSAGE from JAMES RATHBONE, given under his hand on leaving Leeds a fully trained RAMC man (we hope)

In the face of tremendous odds, protected only by a copy of Weird Tales on one side and an attache case on the other, I am departing for somewhere else in England with a great deal of what I call active reluctance. This 'reluctance' takes the form of asking fellow-sufferers whether we are going from Leeds after all and what I will say to the War Office when I get somewhere. Actually though, my stay in Leeds might have been far less enjoyable if it had'nt been for your brave and admirable editor actually daring to let me see his collection, nay to finger it delicately perchance ... To correspondents who are (no doubt) frantically calling the flying squad in efforts to find me, I can only apologise and whisper gently "I will write soon".

The last issue of the Futurian was (well I helped with it didn't I) excellent

And with the voices of the fans in a million homes crying out approbation into my auditory orifices, I sign off.

I thank you, public!

Well, Jimmy it's been grand having you, and I sincerely hope the pleasure will be repeated in happier days to come. The times are such that we who have our love of fantasy in common, feel a strong desire to know more about each other, in a sort of instinctive desire to create a real fellowship of kindred spirits - do you feel that too?

Items The death of Colonel Tweed occurred on May 2nd. He was not only an important figure in the Liberal world, and, I believe, at one time private secretary to Lloyd George, but author of the well-known "Rinehart, or Gabriel over The White House" - an utopia story applied to modern-day USA and the world

Have you read "Possible Worlds" by J.B.S. Haldane. If not, why not - your education is incomplete! These remarks are prompted by a reprint of the book, which is a series of essays on modern science and associated subjects, in the new 'Evergreen' series at 1/- . Though written some 15 years ago, most of the book is more up-to-date than a current stf. mag., for Haldane is in the front rank of scientific exploration; and the last chapter can be claimed as pure stf. of the most thoughtful and highest quality.

Comments on the last issue of The Futurian have so far been received from Will Temple, D.R. Smith, and John Craig so far, but I expect more ideas in the near future. Believe it would be a good idea to chronicle briefly the varying attitudes to the chief items, starting in the next issue with reactions to Rathbone's "Futura" poem.

Does anyone know of any other stf. books by Hamish Blair besides "1957"?

By the way, before we finish, I'd better let all you good people (and any bad ones) know how I stand at present. Having been granted exemption from military service conditional on obtaining work in agriculture, I have now succeeded in finding a suitable job which I started two weeks ago, and am now enjoying farming.

Friend Richard George Medhurst registered as a C.O. in the last registration. Best of luck from all of us, George!