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NEWS AND VIEWS:

Despite the continuing flow of paperbacks and books being published nothing really stands out. Heinlein's FARNHMS FREEHOLD did not live up to expectations. Then again we expect the best from him and when it does not meet the highest of standards we tend to criticise it a little more harshly. At last the sequel to DUNE WORLD has appeared as a five part serial (scream!) in Analog. This should be really good.

Despite my caustic comments on the TV series OUTER LIMITS in my last report I must admit that some of the recent shows seen here have been slightly terrific. The emphasis on the monsters seems to have been dropped. Eando Binder's I ROBOT was quite well done and one a week or two before called I think the Glass Hand, starring Robert Culp as the humanoid robot destined to spend thousands of years carrying the remaining earth population on his person in the form of wire recording. The latest in two parts about an alien life force taking over human bodies to help it build a spaceship is also really good. I would say that with the last few shows of this series SF movies on tv at any rate have at last grown up. Another series just started from England Dr WHO looks as though it may be fun but not to be taken seriously. The TV series based on JOURNEY TO THE BOTTOM OF THE SEA would not have to be much better than the original to be an improvement. This is due to start soon on one of the local Channels.

Some years ago there was a flourishing group of SF fans in our sister city. From what I hear they tried to do things in a big way. I attended the 3rd Australian SF Convention and was suitably impressed. It would seem however that things were not all that they seemed and some people could not get their own way and to cut a long story short, they succeeded in putting Aussie Fandom back about 20 years. It is against our nature to be organised in any way and despite brave attempts by various people to organise an Australia wide Organisation nothing very startling has come of it. I am not knocking these efforts but I must admit I have done little towards them myself. What makes fandom tick in the U.S. and England at any rate. The Conventions? What is the main attraction? Big name authors? What contribution to fandom do the fan mags make? Help to make friends of fans many miles apart? Yes! Maybe a lot of them are a lot of rubbish but that is not so important, what is all this leading up to at any rate?

The Melbourne SF Club sponsored two Conventions in 1956 and 58. They were reasonably well attended by local fans but very few interstate faces were seen. What happened to all the faces at Albury and Canberra and Sydney to as far as that goes? At any rate let us forget the past and look to the future. Wait for it!!!!!!

Discussions are already underway for a CONVENTION IN MELBOURNE in 1966. You will hear much more about it over the next few months but we can promise you now we are aiming at 'quality rather than quantity' this time.

The MSFC is still rolling along, it must be if we are talking about putting on conventions. However we would like to see more people at the meetings Wednesdays and the film nights. A trip to BALLARAT and a discussion at the Observatory was attended by six of our members on the 6th of March. Everybody enjoyed the trip. We should do it more often.

TWILIGHT ZONE has started on local TV again now in Hour episodes. The first was good but others have been mediocre despite the last, MUTE scripted by Richard Matheson. Of the three episodes so far the first and the last were true sf as against the old style TZ shows with a distinct fantasy aspect. They could improve.

NEW and RECENT PAPER BACKS:

Way Station	Simak	Macf New 60c	7/-
Planet of the Apes	Boulle	Signet New 50c	6/-
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First Men in the Moon	Walls	Ball RP	6/-
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Analog 2	Campbell	PBL new	6/-
Century of Great Short SF Novels	Knight	Dell New	8/9
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Stream & Stranger Than You Think	Edmondson	Ace New	5/6
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Time and Stars	Anderson	Mcf New	7/-
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The World of Weird	Marhulies	Pyr New	
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.. Cave City
.. Snake People
.. Silver Globe
Land Beyond the Map	Bulmer		
Fugitive of the Stars	Hamilton	Ace D New	
The Martian Sphinx	Woodcott	Ace New	
Maza of the Moon	Kline	Ace New	
City of a Thousand Suns	Delaney	Ace New	
Tales in a Jugular Vein	Bloch	Pyr New	
The Alien Way	Dickson	Bant New	
Time to Come	Derleth	Tower New	
The Shape of Things	Knight	Pop L	
Space Opera	Vance	Pyramid New	

All titles marked New have, as far as I know not been out before in pb.
A list of all recent BRITISH PBs will be found on the next page

Almost as many titles are now being published in England as the US. A large section of the list on the next page is however weird and horror collections and novels. The British HC list is quite a lengthy one but not overly impressive. The main feature is the all out attack on the field by Herbert Jenkins, who will have published more books in the last twelve months in the field than they ever have before. The Sturgeon JOYOUS INVASIONS is probably shorts but should be worthwhile also the BEST from F&SF Vol 12 edited by Avrim Davidson. (See McGills advert) Gollancz are still with it having published more than any other British publisher in the field over the last few years. Some have been titles previously out in pb but most have been top class material. With the advent of the new magazine SF HORIZONS - 4/6 in Australia from McGills - it would appear that SF is at last being accepted as worthwhile literature. There is an increasing demand for it in all fields magazines, books, movies and TV. Local authors got a big build up by one of their own in a recent issue of The NATION, in an article by John Baxter called our SF Industry. He mentioned some I have never heard of but I know one who is doing quite well and that is Damien Broderick, editor of Monash University paper LOT'S WIFE. We can expect a paperback edition of a collection of his stories sometime soon. MB

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A MAN OF DOUBLE DEED	Leonard Darenty	..	
EARTHWORKS	Brian Aldiss	Faber	
TELEPATHIST	Arthur Sellings	..	
The WEIRD ONES	H.L. Gold	Dobson	19/-
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SPACE BORN	Lan Wright	Jenkins	16/-
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SUNDOG	Brian N. Ball	Dobson	
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SHIELD	Poul Anderson	Dobson	
SPECTRUM IV	Amis and Conquest	Gollancz	
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NEW WRITINGS SF No 2	J. Carnell	Dobson	20/-
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SHADOWS OF ECSTASY	C. Williams	Faber	
MAINLY BY MOONLIGHT	N.S. Gray	Faber	
JOURNEY TO JUPITER	Hugh Walters	Faber	
THE THIRST QUENCHERS	Rick Raphael	Jenkins	
SLEEPING PLANET	W.R. Burkett	Jenkins	
The BEST FROM F&SF 12th Series	Avram Davidson	Jenkins	
The JOYOUS INVASIONS	T. Sturgeon	Jenkins	
TWO TALES and EIGHT TOMORROWS	Harry Harrison	Jenkins	
GLORY PLANET	A. Bertram Chandler		

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Titles not priced are not yet out but are expected over the next
 three months.

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