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WHATS NEW!

The latest announcement from Digit pocket book publishers is E.E. Smith's THE SKYLARK OF SPACE. Dont ask me why but I think this will be very popular. From Corgi in August comes HIGH VACUUM by Maine and in October PILGRIMAGE TO EARTH by Robert Sheckley both probably 3/9. Due in this month from Panther is John Taine's SEEDS of LIFE and in August Alfred Bester's DEMOLISHED MAN. Although not as prolific as the US publishers, at least we are averaging one title a month from UK and they are of average or good quality. Another two titles of interest from UK are The RED PLANET by Charles Chiltern in Pan and from Panther THE MOUSE THAT ROARED by Leonard Wibberly .

Though I have nothing to add to the list of US or British hard covers mentioned in the last Newsletter, a few of those mentioned have now come to hand. A CASE OF CONSCIENCE by James Blish is the pick of the new arrivals. It was originally published as a novelet in IF magazine and ended where the main character the Jesuit, Father Ruiz Sanchez was leaving the alien planet after being given a present by one of the natives. The last third of the book deals with the complications the 'present' presents when he gets it back to Earth. COUNTDOWN by Charles Eric Maine is another of his quite readable stories and a little better than his previous title THE TIDE WENT OUT, but still lacking a little something which the top authors -in my own opinion- have.

Though perhaps not an original theme G.M. Glaskin's A CHANGE of MIND was a pleasant surprise. This author I believe lives in Perth West Australia. He has had two previous novels published but neither of these have been fantasy. Briefly the story deals with the change of personality or what have you, of two men and the complications it presents. It is a serious story, not humorous as Thorne Smith's TURNABOUT and really makes you wonder how you would react in a similar predicament.

More fuller reviews will appear of the above titles and NEXT of KIN by E.F. Russell, The SEED by Edmund Cooper and all the pocket books in an issue of ETHERLINE which we hope to produce about the end of August.

For those who like a little 'mysticism' in their reading dont forget the sequel to The THIRD EYE, DOCTOR FROM LHASA. ...How did that get in there? Its better than SFalmost.

S F FILM NEWS!

Though there have been a number of SF films on in Melbourne lately, I have been unable to catch up with them. They include X the UNKOWN (M.G.M. release ?) The GIANT CLAW, MONSTER on the CAMPUS and the MONOLITH MONSTERS. I gathered from friends that I did not miss much. A film with a slight fantasy flavour, which I recommend to one and all, is BELL, BOOK and CANDLE which is about modern day witches and warlocks. One of the best scenes in the film is when HERMIONE GINGOLD is mixing JAMES STEWART a potion to break the spell which has been put on him by another witch KIM NOVAK. The film also stars JACK LEMMON the warlock who loves distinguishing the street lights merely with a gesture ELSA LANCHESTER another witch and ERNIE KOVACS the writer who thought he knew a lot about witches.

As usual quite a lot of films are being or are about to be made. Some of these include; The MYSTERIANS (an MGM release), NO BLADE of GRASS and the MIDWICH CUCKOOS (produced by MGM), The LIFE of JULES VERNE, The DEMOLISHED MAN (was purchased by John Payne for production next year), HAVE ROCKET -WILL TRAVEL (Starring the Three Stooges), and THE BLOB which is produced by Jack Harris who is working on another called The FOURTH DIMENSION MAN. Probably the most outstanding one is JOURNEY to the CENTRE of the EARTH, which I believe is starring Pat Boone and James Mason at 20th Century Fox. The Midwich Cuckoos is actually to be called VILLAGE of the DAMNED.

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FAN ACTIVITIES and OTHER NEWS.

So far we have not seen the first title The BRICK MOON in the new LUCIAN BOOKS series which is being published here by Graham Stone. Certain difficulties have cropped up which have prevented the book being out on time. However it is in progress and if you have a copy on order you will receive it from Mr Stone as soon as it is ready.

Organised fandom is just about dead now in Australia. The MSFC now without a clubroom is unable to hold regular meetings. It seems as though the Adelaide group is the only one left. However in Melbourne we are still looking for premises and we hope something will eventually turn up..

One way of keeping in touch with everybody however is with publications like this and Scansion and Quantum, which is produced by John Baxter of 29 Gordon Road, Bowral, NSW. John, with the help of Quantum is attempting bring the Sydney fans together much in the same way as we have here in Melbourne. No organised meetings but just a get together of fans. If at any time anybody, fool though he may be, decides to hold a convention or would like to invite everybody to his home one night, can tell everybody through the medium of the fanzines. If you have anything to sell or want, you can advertise and you can also contact any other fans you may want to do with the help of the fanzines.

After a long delay Peter Jefferson has managed to get Mc2 finished. It includes articles, reports, reviews and fiction including MODERN PAPERBACK RARITIES by the editor, KIWIFANDOM by Roger Horrocks and NOTES FROM HERE AND THERE by Don Tuck. For those interested in fanzines it is worth getting. Send 1/6 for a single copy or 4/- for three to PETER JEFFERSON, 41 Mary Street, Longueville, NSW.

Also after twelve months holiday ETHERLINE is to make another appearance. Ian Crozier says he hopes to produce an issue every now and then, but it will not be on a regular basis as before. Issue 101 may be out towards the end of August.

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TRADING POST

Wanted. British Edition SF ADVENTURES Nos 1 & 2 in mint or near mint condition. Bob McCubbin, 90 Lilydale Grove, Hawthorn East E3

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 Beyond the Vanishing Point-Cummings/Secret of Zi-Bulmer ..

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Three Thousand Years -McCleary/ The Green Queen -St Clair ..

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 Star Guard -Norton 1/6 Satellite E One -Castle 1/6
 Peralandra -Lewis 1/6 Out of the Silent Planet 1/6
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 City at Worlds End - Hamilton 2/-

@ 4/6 New titles coming which I hope to have spare copies of.

Aliens Four-Sturgeon After the Rain -Bowen
 Blue Atom- and The Void Beyond and other Stories -R.M.Williams AD
 Bedside Mad -Gaines Door into Summer-Heinlein
 Deep Range - Clarke Earth is Room Enough-Asimov
 The Edge of Time-Grinnell/The 100th Millenium -Brunner ACE D
 The Hidden Planet - wollheim Midwidwich Cuckoos-Wyndham
 The Marching Morons-Kornbluth Off the Beaten Orbit-Merrill
 People Makers -Knight Seedling Stars -Blish
 Plot Agianst Earth-Knox / Recruit from Andromeda-Lesser ACE D
 Plague Ship-North / and Vooddo Planet-North ACE D
 Star SF Nos 4 & 5 -Pohl The Tide Went Out-Maine
 Starhaven -Jorgenson/ Sunsmasher- Hamilton ACE D
 3 From Out There-Margulies Wasp -Russell

US Hard cover Books.

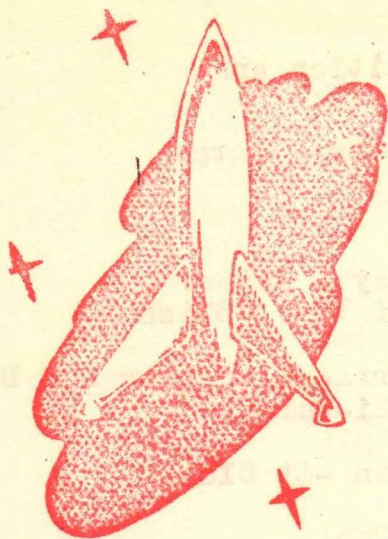
Five SF Novels	Greenberg	DW	Poor	7/6
The Naked Sun	Asimov	As	New	7/6
Double Star	Heinlein	DW	Good	7/6
No Blade of Grass	Christopher	5/-
The Power	Robinson	5/-
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The Currents of Space	Asimov	4/6
Doomsday Morning	Moore	As	New	12/6
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Foundation and Empire	Asimov	20/-
Forgotten Planet	Leinster	As	New	20/-
The Best From Fantasy & SF Nos 3, 5, 6, 7 & 8	van Vogt	As	Ne	14/6 ea
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The Black Cloud-Hoyle -Signet, Changeling Worlds -Bulmer /Vanguard
 from Alpha-Aldiss -ACE D, The Falling Torch - Budrys -Pyramid,
 The Invaders are Coming - Nourse & Meyer - Ace, The Other Side of the Moon-
 Derleth, Point Ultimate -Sohl-Bantam, Years Grtst SF No4 Merrill-Dell.



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Melbourne SF Club

To All Memmbers of the Club.

Unfortunately we have been unable to obtainn a new clubroom . despite extensive advertising for premises nothing we have seen has been suitable , either because of size , position or the most important rent. As you probably all know the rent controls will be lifted altogther on business premises next month . No doubt there will be plenty of space about then , but the rents at first will probably be to high . However I am hoping that something suitable may turn up by the end of the year.

The room which we were offered in or I should say off little Collins would have cost us £200 .Now I am begining to think it may have been worth it. But we could not have possibly raised that amount at any rate. I would like to take the opportunity here to thank everybody who gave us something to wards the cost of a new room , also those who promised if we needed it. As we can see no point in holding this cash we are herby returning your donation , if any, by cheque.

If anybody has any suggestions to make regarding premises in the city or at least somewhere we canhold meetings , even if only temporary please get in touch with me. Meanwhile the library is at my home and anybody who wishes to borrow books can call in on Sunday afternoon or other times by appointment .It would also be advisable to ring me before coming at any time including Sundays in case I have to make other arrangements. My PHONE NUMBER IS JUL348.

Anybody with library books out please return them to me at home , by mail or at McGills. I would appreciate it also if any outstanding debts were cleared up as soon as possible.

I am thinking of putting the library on a postal basis , but this would entail a lot of work and I would have to arrive at new rates of membership and so on. You will be notified however of any developements regarding the club and the library.

Yours Faithfully

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PS Please notify me of any change of adress , so that we may keep in touch and I will be able to continue to send you the NEWSLETTER.