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A REPORT FROM THE MELBOURNE SF CLUB

Since the last newsletter the club has moved into spacious new premises in McGills bulk store, which is situated in Somerset Place, just off Little Bourke Street at the back of McGills. The area we have at our disposal is approximately 20 feet by 40 feet and gives us plenty of room to increase our activities.

Attendances have already increased and although we have not done much in the way of publicity a number of new members have already joined. Even at this late date we are still getting the place organised but we have installed an electric stove for making coffee and had one film night, which was a big success. An average of 18 people have been turning up each night - about twice the average of any of our previous clubrooms - and 34 people attended the first film night, at which was shown the Conquest of Space. We had our anxious moments before things got under way at the film showing, as the film we originally intended to show - the Day the Earth Stood Still - was not returned in time from its previous borrower and then the projector would not work. However we eventually got under way even though we were a little late. Dave Robin who has kindly consented to show the films for us, assures us that the projector will be working next time. Lets hope we get The DAY the EARTH STOOD STILL next time and the film distributors have promised us that we will. The date for the showing will be FRIDAY the 26th of JANUARY. Tea, coffee, biscuits and sandwiches will be provided but members may bring along other food and refreshments if they wish.

There is plenty of room for all the usual activities of the club including the library, games - chess, darts and as soon as we get the wood for the top we will have a table tennis table operating. We will keep you posted on further developments in the club in future issues of the Newsletter.

BOOK NEWS:

At the moment I do not have very much information about new publications in the US, however there are a few worth mentioning. The Heinlein STRANGER in a STRANGE LAND is from all reports very good. Also from Heinlein via Pick A Book is the final book I believe in the Future History series, The ENDLESS FRONTIER.

Some other titles coming again from Pick A Book include ISLAND in the SKY by M.W. Wellman, The PHILOSOPHICAL CORP by E.B. Cole, and PLANET of PERIL by O.A. KLINE.

- From England GOLLANCZ are continuing their stream of top class SF titles. Titles in order of publication are:
- January ; FAR OUT - Thirteen stories by Damon Knight
 - February : SIRENS of TITAN - Kurt Voneguts crazy but entertaining latest.
 - .. The UNEXPECTED DIMENSION - 3 novelettes and 4 short stories by Algis Budrys
 - March : EIGHT KEYS TO EDEN by Mark Clifton. A new novel set in an Earth Colony 11 light years from Earth.
 - April : REACH FOR TOMORROW - Twelve top stories by Arthur C. Clarke Rescue Party, Jupiter 5 etcetera. Not published before in UK.
 - TIME IS THE SIMPLEST THING - the SF novel choice for this month by Clifford Simak
 - MAY : PILGRIMAGE by Zenna Henderson is my own personal tip for the winner of the Hugo Award for the best book this year. From the well know stories in Galaxy & SF.
 - TWILIGHT WORLD by Poul Anderson. A novel of the generation after World War III.

From other publishers: FARMER IN THE SKY by Heinlein from Michael Joseph
HOTHOUSE by Brian Aldiss from Faber
BEST SF 3 - Crispin - Faber Paper Back

NEW TITLES and NEW EDITION POCKET BOOKS:

The majority of the following titles will be eventually, though it may take some months, available from bookshops in Australia. The MSFC Library does get copies of nearly all titles but we cannot guarantee to supply all enquiries. The only ones I can personally guarantee to supply are those that are available from McGills Newsagency, I am mentioning this as some of you may be wondering why you have not received titles which you have asked for some time back. The point is that I can only obtain a limited number of copies from my friends in the US. Also where I have to reorder titles or wait for them to come to McGills there is a further delay. Personally I make no profit out of the business at all. What little revenue there is all goes to the benefit of the Club library. My time at the present and in the immediate future is strictly limited so I do not have time to write to all the people I would like to and in many cases explain the situation. The best I can do is put your request down on the list and send same if and when they turn up.

I have received some isolated criticisms of this Newsletter which I intend to ignore. It is done in haste and it is lucky it is not worse than what it is. To my mind it is filling a gap and until such time as somebody produces something to take its place I will try to continue to produce it.

Well now that I have got that off my chest back to the business in hand.

ACE - New Releases

- F117 The Door through Space - Bradley / Rendezvous on a lost World
- d525 This World is Taboo-Leinster - Chandler
- d528 The Forgotten Planet -Leinster
- d530 The Day they Bombed Los Angeles- Williams
- F119 Delusion World - Dickson / Spacial Delivery - Dickson
- D531 Collision Course -Silverberg/Nemesisifrom Terror -Bracket

Worlds of the Imperium

/Seven from the Stars

Others: Shadow Girl - Cummings

Daybreak 2250 AD

(separate bks)

FAST ACTING HELP! -Kurtzman - Gold Medal, SARDONICUS- Russell - Ballentine, The GHOUL KEEPERS -Margulies- Pyramid, The PLANET STRAPPERS Gallun -Pyramid, STAR MAKER - Stapledon - Berkley, CANARY in a CATHOUSE Vonnegut - Gold Medal, A WAY HOME -Sturgeon -Pyramid, DONAVON'S BRAIN - Siodmak - Popular Library, The INFINITE MOMENT(Consider Her Ways)-Wyndham Ballantine, The STAINLESS STEEL RAT- Harrison -Pyramid, 21st CENTURY SUB - Herbert -Avon, NOT LONG FOR THIS WORLD - Derleth -Ballantine, The SARAGOSSA MANUSCRIPT- Jan Potocki -Avon, The RED BRAIN -Hammett- Belmont, STARSHIP TROOPERS -Heinlein -Signet, TIMELESS STORIES -Bradbury Bantam, AND SOME WERE HUMAN -del Rey -Ballantine, The PRIMAL URGE - Aldiss - Ballantine, NAKED to the STARS - Dickson -Pyramid, NOT IN SOLITUDE - Gantz-Berkely, The Wind from Nowhere-Ballard-Berkley, ALONE BY NIGHT -Congdon -Ballentine, PLANET of the DAMNED -Harrison-Bantam, The SILVER EGGHEADS -Leiber -Ballantine, WORLDS of CLIFFORD SIMAK - Avon,

NEW BRITISH PBS:

The PENGUIN SF edited by Brian Aldiss is due for publication in Australia on the 31st of January. No other Penguin SF titles are expected at the moment.

DIGIT Books are turning out quite a few but most are of doubtful quality. Many are reprints which would have been much better left out of print. Still here they are: TERROR OF THE TONGS -Sangster, HORROR -Veheyne, MAN WITH ONLY ONE HEAD - D.N. Barr, UNCHARTED PLANET-Ranzetta, INVADERS of EARTH-Conklin, SPLIT WORLDS -Barr, EQUATOR-Aldiss, ROBOT BRAINS-Bounds, OF EARTH FORETOLD -Bulmer, SECRET of ZI -Bulmer, INTO THE DARK -A.G.C. Clarke, A THOUSAND AGES -Ellis, The UNINHIBITED -Morgan, The LEGION of TIME.

Other titles include:

- GODS of MARS -Burroughs-Four Square, The FITTEST -McIntosh -Corgi,
- BORN LEADER -McIntosh -Corgi, After Worlds End -Williamson -Digit,
- AFTER THE RAIN -Bowen -Penguin, The Giant Stumbles-Lymington-Corgi,
- WARLORD of MARS -Burroughs - Four Square

The Melbourne SF Club has the following books and magazines FOR SALE:

H.C. BOOKS: BIRD OF TIME West 20/- OUT OF THE SILENCE Cox 7/6
 ADDRESS CENTAURI Wallace 20/- THE OLD DIE RICH Gold 20/- MIND CAGE
 Van Vogt 5/- ANGELS AND SPACESHIPS Brown 7/6 TOMORROW THE STARS
 Heinlein 10/- NINE TALES OF SPACE AND TIME Healy 7/6 STARTLING STORIES
 Mine s7/6 SATAN IN THE SUBURBS B. Russell 4/- THE TORCH Bechdolt 20/-
 THE STRANGE JOURNEYS OF COLLEL POLDERS Dunsany 5/- TILL WE HAVE FACES
 Lewis 3/- BEYOND HUMAN KEN Merrill 5/- THE TITAN Miller 6/- WORLDS OF
 TOMORROW Derleth 4/- BEST SF 1 Bleiler & Dikty 4/- WINE OF THE
 DREAMERS McDonald 4/- POSSIBLE WORLDS OF SF Conklin 5/- LOOKING
 FORWARD Lesser 7/6 NO PLACE LIKE EARTH Carnell 2/6 FAHRENHEIT 451
 Bradbury 4/- THE UGLY FACE OF LOVE Kersh 4/- HELL FLOWER Smith 4/-
 SEETEE SHOCK Stewart 4/- MEN AGAINST THE STARS Greenberg 3/- BURN WITCH BURN
 Merritt 10/- FALLEN SKY Crowcroft 10/-.

Many titles listed in the previous Newsletter are still available, please refer to same

POCKET BOOKS: REVOLT ON ALPHA C Silverberg 2/- THE PEOPLE MAKER Knight 3/-
 THREE FROM OUT THERE Margulies 3/- TOMORROW PEOPLE Merrill 2/- THE OUTER
 REACHED Derleth 3/- TOMORROW TIMES 7 Pohl 3/- GREEN HILLS OF EARTH
 Heinlein 1/6 ALTERNATING CURRENTS Pohl 3/- SATELLITES ROCKETS AND OUTER SPACE
 Ley 3/- 4 FOR THE FUTURE Conklin 2/- GREEN PLANET Holly 4/3 GHOUL KEEPERS
 Margulies 4/3 THE UNEXPECTED Margulies 4/3 NIGHTMARES & GEEZENSTACKS Brown 4/9
 GENUS HOMO de Camp & Miller 4/3 LEVEL 7 Roshwald 5/-(US) RED BRAIN Hammett
 4/3 NIGHTMARES Bloch 4/3 THE TROUBLE WITH TYCHO Simak/BRING BACK YESTERDAY
 Chandler 4/6 THE PLANET STRAPPERS Gallun 4/3 DARK UNIVERSE Galouye 4/9
 YEARS BEST SF Merrill 5/6 RACE TO THE STARS Margulies 3/6 BLACK CLOUD Hoyle 1/6
 CITY & THE STARS Clarke 2/- ALTERED EGO Sohl 3/- BRRR Conklin 3/- GREEN
 RAIN Tabori 4/3 YEAR OF CONSENT Crossen 3/- MASTER OF LIFE & DEATH Silverberg/
 SECRET VISITORS White 3/- ROGUE IN SPACE Brown 3/- WORLDS OF TOMORROW Derleth
 3/- CASE AGAINST TOMORROW Pohl 1/6 HUMAN ANGLE Tenn 3/- MASTERS OF EVOLUTION
 Knight 4 FIRE IN THE HEAVENS Smith 4/- I ROBOT Asimov 2/- STATION IN SPACE
 Gunn 2/- MAN OF MANY MINDS Evans 2/- BEACHHEADS IN SPACE Derleth 3/- TOMORROW
 Wylie 5/6 GRAVEYARD READER Conklin 3/- TALES OF LOVE & HORROR Congdon 4/3
 A CUPFUL OF SPACE Lincoln 3/3 IMAGINATION UNLIMITED Bleiler & Dikty 3/-
 OTHER SIDE OF THE MOON Derleth 3/- WAR AGAINST THE RULL Van Vogt 2/- AFTER
 THE RAIN Bowen 4/- MONSTER FROM EARTH'S END Leinster 4/- INCOMPLETE ENCHANTER
 de Camp & Pratt 4/- SARGASSO OF SPACE North/COSMIC PUPPETS Dick 3/- BEYOND TIME
 & SPACE Derleth 3/- AGENT OF UNKNOWN St. Clair/WORLD JONES MADE Dick 3/- MIND
 THING Brown 2/- TIME IN ADVANCE Tenn 2/6 SINISTER BARRIER Russell 2/6
 POWER Robinson 2/6 THE INVADERS ARE COMING Nourse & Meyer PRISONER IN THE SKULL
 Dye 3/6 PEBBLE IN THE SKY Asimov 5/- THE EARTH IN PERIL Wollheim/WHO SPEAKS OF
 CONQUEST Wright 3/-

MAGAZINES Numerous issues of Galaxy (Bre) and other odd magazines. Please send for list if interested