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The New MSFC is continuing to gain new members at an average of one a week. Since moving to our new premises last November people have paid their dues and at least a third of these are completely new members. The main interest is still the library but regular attendees are making good use of the new table tennis table, the chess sets and the darts. It has been suggested that we hold tournaments of the various games - a different game each week - and give small prizes to the winners. More about this later.

As secretary of the club I would like to point out to members that very little co-operation is being given me in keeping the clubroom in order. The committee members are not in the main doing their jobs. What about it fellers?

No film night was held during the month of March or April but the next show will be The INCREDIBLE SHRINKING MAN on Friday May 11. At the clubroom as usual. Coffee and sandwiches will be provided.

We had a little projector trouble the last show scheduled for the 23rd of February but 'Curse of the Demon' was eventually shown on the Saturday the 24th. We hope we have a better show next time though most of the people attending were quite happy. It is becoming increasingly harder to obtain sf films good or bad. All the good titles are not available at the present. So it appears we will have to show other than sf films. If you have any particular likes in movies you would like to see, lets have a list of as many as possible. In this way we can work out a list of what most of the members want to see and check what is available.

On the same night as the next film show we will be holding a sale of SF books and magazines so if you have anything to sell, please bring it along. On Thursday the 10th of May a discussion night is to be held. If this proves successful more will be held in the future. The first topic will be 'Author Robert Heinlein and whether his latest book Stranger in A Strange Land is rubbish or brilliant.'

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Since starting to write this Newsletter the club has had a few quiet nights. It has also been made plain by some new and many present members that the charges for attendance are too high. Mr M. Volynksy was kind enough to make enquiries about other premises for us but we decided they would not be suitable. However we have put in for a reduction in the rent where we are and we are hopeful of obtaining same. In which case it has been put forward that we reduce the attendance fees to 2/6 and charge another 2/6 for those who wish to make use of the clubs games facilities. Please attend in the next few weeks and let us have your views on this matter.

Recent visitors to the club of note have been ex-chairman Bob McCubbin, who we had not seen in the club for over two years and Bob Smith who is down on leave from Sydney for a few weeks. Another local fan and now pro of note Leo (Lee) Harding climbed out from under his rock and visited me personally, when we recalled some of the early days of the Melbourne SF Group, Perhaps, Etherline and so on. Leo rated a write up in New Worlds recently where he has been having a few stories published. He hopes to go to England in the near future with his wife to further his writing career.

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As you will see by the pb list on the next page Bert Chandler is having another title published by Ace Books, The RIM of SPACE. Bert will be in Melbourne soon and we hope to see him at the club.

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Most SF fans I guess have taken the advent of space travel as a matter of course. Even atom bombs and other relatively recent scientific developments we take for granted, but ESP is another thing. However I saw on TV a few moments ago a demonstration of telepathy and telekinetics by a local father and son team. Personally I tend to be sceptical of any such demonstrations even or particularly on a show like Daly at Night, but what I have just seen has certainly given me a lot of food for thought!

New and Forthcoming SF Books and Pocket Books :

U.S.P.Bs ACE :

- F131 The Best from F&SF <sup>6th</sup> Boucher , The Thousand Year Plan - Asimov d 538  
 F 129 The Three Suns of Amara - Temple / Automated Goliath - Temple  
 Rim of Space - Chandler / Secret Agent of Terra - Brunner

Others : Men Without Bones - Kersh - Paperback Lib., The Long Afternoon of Earth - Aldiss - Signet (Hothouse series) , A Decade of F&SF - Mills - Dell , Little Fuzzy - Beam Piper - Avon , Caviaar - Sturgeon - Ballantine ( Rep. ) , Voices of Time - Ballard - Berkley , The Unsleap - Gillon - Ball., A Mile Beyond the Moon - Kornbluth, Yours Truly , Jack the Ripper - Bloch - Belmont , Encounter - Holly - Monarch, Mad Frontier - Signet , The Wall Around the Wall - Cogswell - Pyramid, Echo X

(Twinkle Twinkle Little Star . ) - Barzman - Paperback , Star Dwellers - Blish -Avon, Moon Pilot ( Starfire ) - Buckner Perma , After Doomsday - Anderson - Ballentine, The Haunted Stars - Hamilton - Pyramid , Shadows with Eyes - Leiber - Ball , Far Out - Knight - Berkley , The Lani People - Bone - Bantam , Mysterious Island Verne - Perma , October Country - Bradbury - Ball (Rep) , Lost World - Doyle -Pyr, Preferred Risk - McCann - Dell , Space Egg - Winterbotham- Monarch

British P.Bs :

Sci-Fi - Russell - Mayfair , Strangers in the Universe -Simak - Panther , Dark Universe -Galouye - Corgi , Earth Abides - Stewart - Corgi (Rep) Edge of Tomorrow - Fast - Corgi , Planet of the Dreamers - MacDonald - Corgi , Dark Fantastic ????? Corgi , A For Anything - Knight -Four Square , The Day the Earth Caught Fire - Barry Wells - Four Square, If the Nazis Had Come - Clarke - Consul , Dollmaker - Sarban - Consul , World of Eclis - Gordon - Consul, Next of Kin - Russell - Mayfair , Invaders of Earth - Conklin - Digit , The Pit and the Pendulum - Poe - Digit, Split Worlds - Barr - Digit , The Uncharted Planet - Ranzetta - Digit , Horror - Veheyne - Digit, Timeless Stories -Bradbury- Corgi , Earths Long Shadow - Bulmer - Digit

H.C.Books : The GREAT EXPLOSION by Eric Frank Russell from Dobson , Tiger by the Tail by Alan Nourse from Dobson , Hothouse by Brian Aldiss from Faber who are also doing volume three of Best SF by Crispin in Paperback . Also Best Tales of Terror by Crispin . Further announcements from Gollance include The Best from F&SF Volume 9 by Boucher

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 T.W.S. Feb 48 4/-

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- D 542 The Last Planet - Norton F 135 Long Tomorrow -Bracket  
 D 541 Scavengers in Space - Nourse D 544 Space Station No 1 - Long  
 F 139 Un-Man and Others - Anderson /The Makeshift Rocket -Anderson  
 K 149 Queen Cleopatra - Mundy D 283 City - Simak

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- John Baxter , Box 39 , King Street Post Office , Sydney , NSW  
 Merv Barrett , 1 Egan Street , West Richmond , Victoria  
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The MSF Club . A Final Reminder .....

Dont forget the Discussion Night on Thursday the 10th of May  
 and the Film Night on Friday the 11th of May!

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