

## NEWSLETTER

Dear Fans,

Well this looks like being a busy year. Plans for the 7th Australian Science Fiction Convention are underway

The organiser John Foyster, has announced his engagement but has assured us this will in no way effect his running of the Convention.

Kiwi Merv Barrett is off to Spain next month. He has been with us at the Melbourne SF Club for 3 or 4 years now and has been one of the most active members. His help in organising the Film Group has been marvellous and we will miss him very much. I am sure every one in the club is behind me in wishing Merv and Jill the best of luck.

The attendances at the club have improved very much over the last two months. Financially speaking we are not out of the red by a long shot but we have cut the debit down a bit and we have paid our way as well. This is always the busiest time for the club as there are always a few people around during the holidays. However we have gained about four or five new members recently and we hope this trend continues. Our main concern is keeping the members supplied with library books. New books are of course being added regularly and we are slowly catching up on our magazine wants. We urge all members to return the items they borrow as soon as possible particularly the new and recent paperbacks. Many of our most wanted items are missing altogether so please hunt about and make sure you do not have any books or mags overdue. If you have any old material you do not want we will be glad of it.

Good quality wanted items are needed for the Convention Auction. We do not want recent issues of magazines, books or paperbacks but practically any magazines published before 1950 would be ok and earlier than 1940 would be ideal. However we will accept any items we consider rare or hard to get. So please let us have your lists as soon as possible. We will advise you what we will auction for you and you can forward same or bring along to the Convention when you come. We will of course accept any material at all for sale which will be displayed at the Convention continuously. A 10% discount will be deducted on all items sold.

Most of you by now will have heard that E.E. 'Doc' Smith died last September. Most of us cut our teeth on his 'Lensman' series and very few writers were quite as colourful in their descriptions of the fabulous 'space opera'. Exaggerated as they are they are still great fun to read and some of the most sort after books. Nearly all the Lensman books are out in pb now. Hugo Gernsback has been honoured by the World Convention naming the best SF Awards after him. Some thing should be done to honour 'Doc' Smith in the same way.

Talking about 'Hugos', for those of you who have not heard who the winners were at the last World Convation in London:

Best Novel The Wanderer by Fritz LEIBER

(The best thing I have read since DUNE which I still think is a certainty to win this year.)

BEST PULP : Yandro, BEST ARTIST: Schoenberger, BEST MAGAZINE: Analog, PUBLISHER: Ballantine and BEST SF DRAMA: Dr Strangelove. This was the first World Convation that was held I believe, outside the U.S.A. From all accounts it wont be the last but this years will be at Syracuse.

Two new ACE titles have just arrived of Bert CHANDLERS. Empress of Outer Space with The Alternate Martians and Space Mercenaries with Caves of Mars by Petaja on the flip side. Believe it or not these titles were rejected by another publisher because they were to good.

A new series of British paperbacks from the publishers of New Worlds has started but they have not turned up out here yet. I hope they will be available soon from McGills. Watch for COMPACT Books.

## NEW U.S. Paperbacks :

Many of the following titles are not generally distributed in Australia. I personally import a few from a retailer in NEW YORK. Of course I only receive a small discount and so I can only order a small quantity of each title. If I receive more requests for a title than I order it takes another six weeks to get them unless they turn up from G.&G. So if it takes a while to receive some titles you order you now know why. Please address all orders to McGills Agency for all H.C. Books US Paperbacks and British and magazines.

The Caves of Mars	Petaja	ACE	5/6	.55
Space Mercenaries	Chandler)			
The Clone	Thomas & Wilhelm	Berkly	6/-	.60
The Genocides	Disch	Berkly	6/-	.60
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Tama of the Light Country	Cummings	Ace	5/3	.52
Starchild	Pohl and Williamson	Ball	6/-	.60
The Alternate Martians	CHANDLER	Ace	5/6	.55
Empress of Outer Space				
The Case Against Tomorrow	Pohl	Ball	6/-	.60
The Devolutionist and the Emancipartix	Flint	Ace	5/3	.52
The Fellowship of the Ring	Tolkien	Ball	10/6	1.05
The Two Towers	..	..	10/6	1.05
The Return of the King	..	..	10/6	1.05
Galactic Cluster	Blish	Sig	6/-	.60
Grey Lensman	Smith	Pyr	7/-	.70
The Great Time Machine Hoax	Laumer	PB	6/-	.60
Judgement Night	Moore	PBL	6/-	.60
King Kong	Lovelace	Ban	6/-	.60
The Magic Man & Other Science Fantasy Stories				
Mission to Universe	Dickson	Crest	6/-	.60
Rork !	Davidson	Berk	6/-	.60
A Tale of Two Clocks	Schmitz	Berk	6/-	.60
The Time Axis	Kutner	Belm	6/-	.60
Year of the Unicorn	Norton	Ace	5/3	.52
Autumn People (Comics)	Bradbury	Ace	5/3	.52
The Skull of the Marquis de Sade		Ball	6/-	.60
The Unhumans	Bloch	Pyr	6/-	.60
Adam Link Robot	Karp	PL	6/-	.60
Beyond the Black Enigma	Binder	Pyr	6/-	.60
Now and Beyond	Somers	PBL	6/-	.60
8 SF Stories		Belm	6/-	.60

## NEWS Continued

A few new books have been announced from British publishers including a new one from Fred Hoyle. All will be found listed in the McGills Advert. Also all the new British paperbacks. In the main the British pbs seem to be horror but there are a few good sf titles also. Penguins seem to be the most consistent along with Four Square. It is about time we had more E.R. Burroughs Mars and Venus series books from Four Square though.

There has been very little in the way of movies on here recently. If you class THUNDERBALL as SF that has been the best. Of the few that are to see THE TENTH VICTIM with MASTROIANNI and ANDRESS from a story by Robert SHECKLY looks the most interesting.

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Science Fiction Showcase	Kornbluth (Mary)	..	2.80	app
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Mission to the Heart Stars	Blish	..		
Space Oddysey 2001	Clarke and Kubrick	Goll	2.80	app
The Reefs of Space	Pohl and Williamson	Dobson		
The View from the Stars	Miller	Gollancz		
Worlds Without End	Simak	Jenkins		
October the First is too Late	Hoyle	Heiniemann	2.30	app

On checking our files we find that there is a much more impressive list of titles to come than we realised. The new publisher in the field Ronald Whiting and wheaton has some whorthwhile titles while Gollancz and Dobsons are still going strong. The Clarke and Kubrick combination should produce a winner and the Hoyle will also be eagerly awaited. The majority of titles listed are not available yet but will be published during the next two or three months.

McGills Agency Paper Back List

The majority of the paperbacks list in this Newsletter in the American editions can be obtained for you but take usually about six weeks when stocks are limited. All titles here are on sale now or will be within the next few weeks:

With a Strange Device	Russell	Penguin	.60
Best of Henry Kutner		Maflr	.80
Transit	Cooper	Frsqr	.60
Unfriendly Future	Boardman	..	.60
The Giant Stumbles	Lymington	Hodder	.40
Now and Then	Brunner	Mayfr	.60
The Hell of Mirrors	Haining	Frsq	.60
City and the Stars	Clarke	Corgi	.80
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Airs of Earth	Aldiss	FS	.60
Things	Howard	MF	.60
New Writings in SF Vol 4	Carnell	Corgi	.60
The Men from Arcturus	Winterbotham	Consul	.60
Cat's Cradle	Vonnegut	Penguin	.60
Space Merchants	Pohl & Kornbluth	Peng	.60
More Than Human	Sturgeon	Peng	.60
They Came They Saw	Hallan	Digit	.40
Dandelion Wine	Bradbury	Corgi	.60
Pattern of Shadows	Burke	Horwitz (Aust)	.48
Novel of the White Powder	Machen	Corgi	.60
Horror 7	Pickersgill	Corgi	.60
Black Tales	Lewis	..	.60
The Novel of the Black Seal	Machen	..	.60
Bring the Jubilee	Moore	FS	.60
The Daleks PB (Juvenile)		Panther	.40
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The Red Brain	Hammet	FS	.60
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The Edge of Running Water	Sloane	..	.60
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