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PROMAG WAITS ON PAPER "AM REALLY SERIOUS," SAYS EDITOR.

Deciding to get the real facts on Australia's proposed promag, the editors of Reporter invaded the office of Gayle Publications, and after many unsuccessful attempts, managed to see Mr. Gardner, editor of "Quiz" and editor-to-be of the still to come promag.

At the beginning of the interview, Mr. Gardner stressed his intention to publish the magazine. "I am really serious," he said, and added that as soon as was possible, he would get to work on the first issue.

The main thing - in fact the only thing that seemed to prevent the magazine coming out, was the shortage of paper. Gardner did not seem to worry very much about getting material for the mag, or the number of readers that would buy it. He did ask how many fans would be interested, but it was pointed out that it would be the ordinary reader, and not the fan, who would determine its success.

At present, with restrictions on paper, it would not be possible to ensure a regular supply for the magazine. Gardner is hoping to obtain some rolls that have been left over from quota, and is on the lookout for such a case now.

Even with this paper, however, a license would not be granted for the publication of a regular magazine, so the publication would have to be a book. In magazine form, getting its title from the main story, and having a subtitle of "and other science fiction stories." If this book were a success, then another book would be published, with a different name, of course, but being really a second edition of the first. And

POLLS.NO. 2..AUTHORSEASY WIN FOR SMITH.

Although there was a chance of getting one or two extra votes next week, we decided to close this poll on time and start the next one. We received the same number of votes as last time, so the poll cannot be regarded as incomplete.

E.E. Smith, who took the lead with the eleventh vote, further increased his lead this week to end up two clear points ahead. J.E. Campbell Jr. (or Don A Stuart) was second, and Robert Heinlein, who got only two points in the last ten votes, third.

Final positions are:

Total number of votes.....	13	
E.E.SMITH.....	8	points
J.E. CAMPBELL JR.....	6	"
R. HEINLEIN.....	5	"
BINDER, DE CAMP, KELLER, LOVECRAFT, VAN VOGT..	3	"
ASIMOV, DEL REY, HAMILTON, N.R. JONES,		
MERRITT, VINCENT, WEINBAUM.....	2	"

Seventeen authors received one vote each. All these were listed last week, with the exception of A. Hyatt Varrill and Clifford B. Simak.

As with the first poll, the first three positions are definite, with no ties. Thus our two results are:

Artists: Rogers, Paul, Finlay.

Authors: Smith, Campbell, Heinlein.

This latter result is a victory for Astounding, and so we anticipate heavy voting for this magazine in our next poll, which is:

POLL No.3...MAGAZINES.

This poll is a little more limited than the others. Owing to the ban, magazines which appeared after the middle of last year (Comet, Cosmic, etc.) are not known to all fans, and so it would be unfair to include them in the poll. Hence we are making it a poll on pre-ban mags only. That is, any mag which put out one issue, at least, before the ban. And one more point, old and new Amazing are regarded as two magazines, also Wonder and Thrilling Wonder.

So vote away, sending us your THREE favourite mags to receive one vote each. You know the rest.

MELBOURNE NEWS . . . by Wog Hockloy.MORE ABOUT HARRISON.

In case some people are wondering what all this Harrison business is about, Wog has asked us to print the following passages, which he hopes will clear up any doubtful points.

"Re Harrison:- I now freely admit that I was mistaken about that "new era" business. But I made that statement with only that letter that you published bits from and enthusiastic statements by McGill's to go on, and I think you'll admit that those quotes from the letter sounded pretty good. But after meeting him, I've formed the opinion that for certain reasons (which would be apparent if you'd met him) he has not the possibilities of becoming a really active fan, i.e. he would be able to read and correspond a little, and he is not terribly interested in fuz, but apart from that... However, I think that if McGill's take copies of A-F to sell, that ought to find some new fans, and hence a "new era" might be dawning after all."

SYDNEYS.BRITISH WAR RELIEF.

A letter from John Cunningham, further expounding on his scheme to supply post ban mags to "needy" fans explains that British magazines will be accepted in exchange. Whether Reprints are classed as British mags we do not know, so until we find out we would advise fans to send only Tales of Wonder and Fantasy.

Meanwhile, entirely free, gratis, etc. a parcel of three mags came from the relief society, to be distributed to fans. Names were put in one hat, and list of mags, plus blanks, in another. Names and mags were drawn, and the result, apart from the blanks, was as follows:

- A. Duncan.....T.W.S.Oct.1941.
- V. Molesworth..Future, including Science Fiction.
- C. Roden.....Startling Stories, Sep, 41.

Fans thank J.C. for these books, which will help lessen the need for a supply for post ban stuff.

FILMS.

Universal's double horror show - Man Made Monster and Horror Island - will start in Melbourne in about a fortnight.

"Invisible Woman" ran three weeks, which was two weeks longer than in Sydney.

FANDOM AT RANDOM
OPERATION FOR VOL.

Fans visiting Vol Molesworth last weekend learnt that he would have to have an operation, during the week. We hope the operation is successful, and that Vol is soon back on his feet again. His address, by the way, is Mator Misericordiae Hospital, not private hospital.

BOOKS.

February 1941 Reprint Astounding is out in Melbourne, but not yet in Sydney.

Graham Stone has added two fantasy books to his collection. They are "Shivers" and "The Man From Up There."

EXPERIMENT.

Keefi, baby chimpanzee abandoned by its mother, is being artificially raised by scientific means. If the chimp lives, it will be the first time in history. Scientists are interested, and are conducting experiments in its upbringing.

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if this too were successful, then a series of "books" would be published, appearing at regular intervals, just as the "one issue" westerns are coming out now.

Mr. Gardner hopes to purchase the paper before the end of the year. If he does so, then he will endeavour to publish the first stf book early in 1942. Each issue will contain six stories of about 4000 words each. If any further developments take place, we will be informed, and so will be able to keep you posted on the latest details. Meanwhile we must wait, and hope for the best.

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