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## COURT OF INQUIRY DRAWS NEAR--TIME AND PLACE TO BE DECIDED

The Futurian Society of Sydney, meeting at Vol Molesworth's home on Sunday, November 23, fixed more details about the Court of Inquiry.

Molesworth's speech, delivered at the birthday meeting, has been duplicated, and sent off by the club to all interested fans. Copies are available for anyone who is interested, and is not in possession of one.

A set list of major questions was gone through carefully, and with the exception of two or three, were passed to be asked at the Court. There are about thirty of them at present, and they concern only statements that are not clear because details were not copied down at the time they were said. Thus the Court is not going beyond the limits that were originally outlined in his speech.

Vol Molesworth said that a competent shorthand writer would probably be in attendance, so as to miss nothing that was said. As he himself was to be the official examiner, he would not be able to take notes. He was elected examiner by the club because the Court was his idea, and he was best fitted for the job.

However, the fact that he is to be examiner will not stop anyone else asking questions. Any fan will be allowed to attend the Court, and anyone present is at liberty to ask a question or add to a statement already made.

Meeting place has not yet been decided, but it is thought that the first session of the Court will be held somewhere near Christmas. Time and place, together with other details, will be announced as they come to hand.

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POLLSNo.4..PRO EDITORSPOSITIONS CLOSE WITH WEEK TO GO.

Not having received enough votes yet to ensure an accurate result, we have had to extend this poll an extra week, to allow other votes to come in. But what we said last week still goes. Don't vote unless you are certain.

This week, Hobart votes closed up gaps, and made positions very close. The score at present is:

Number of votes.....	7	
J.W.CAMPBELL.....	6	points
GERNSBACK, TREMAINE.....	5	"
PALMER, SLOANE.....	4	"
GWAEDINGER.....	3	"
POHL, WEISINGER, WRIGHT.....	2	"
GILLINGS, REISS.....	1	"

Both Sloane and Tremaine received three points out of three this week, which brought them up to within striking distance of Campbell. Only newcomer was Malcolm Reiss, editor of Planet Stories, who received one vote.

Some interesting points have been brought to light. Campbell and Tremaine, both editors of Astounding, are separated by only one point. Palmer and Sloane, who have handled Amazing, are together, and Gernsback, who started Amazing, is just ahead of them.

England's "one and only" at the moment, Walter H. Gillings, has received only one vote. We wonder where Ted Carnell would be placed, if New Worlds had have appeared.

Although polling is poor, we hope to reach double figures and close the poll next week. In any case, next week's figures will be final, and poll No.5 will be started.

FANDOM AT RANDOMMelbournews by Wog Hockley.FILMS

Sci and fantasy films, given such a large part of last week's issue, are still well to the fore. Present shows are continuing, and new ones are to start very shortly.

In Sydney, "All That Money Can Buy" is in its second week, and receiving very favourable comment from both reviewers and those who have already seen it. As yet, no reviewer has said anything against it. Without being carried away by our statements, this film looks like being the fantasy hit of the year.

Starting next Friday in Sydney is another Karloff film, "The Devil Commands." Also, showing at the St. James now is a short, "The Tell Tale Heart" from Poe's story of the same name.

In Melbourne, all films previously announced have started on schedule. Outstanding, however, is "Man Made Monster," which is now in its third week. It seems that Melbournites like this film better than Sydney folk.

From this, it can be seen that the outlook of sci films at the moment is particularly bright.

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BOOKS

April Astounding Reprint is out in Melbourne. Unknown, now a month overdue, is still to come.

Some very old Science and Inventions were picked up by Graham Stone recently. They are profusely illustrated by Paul. One of the covers is golden, symbolising what Gernsback terms The Golden Age of Science.

WON'T ERIC BE WILD!

December issue of Quiz (edited by pro-mag-to-be editor Gardner) has a story in it entitled "I'm Not Sure," written by David R. and E. H. Evans. Story is the same as that which Evans wrote for Ultra's first anniversary, but there is no acknowledgment for Ultra. Tsk, tsk!

DUNCAN FOR CAMP

Arthur Duncan goes into camp with the S.H.S. Cadet Corps on December 6.

TASMANEWS..by Don Tuck.

Don Tuck, Tasmania's leading fan, and editor of Profan, is to leave Hobart on November 28.

After a job in a munitions factory, Tuck has been contemplating this move for a considerable time. However, nothing could be said until it was definite.

Now his plans are made. He will leave Hobart on Friday, November 28, and go to Melbourne. He will stay there until he hears further about his job, when he will know whether his stay in Melbourne will be permanent or not. If it is not, he will travel on to relatives in South Australia.

We are left wondering three things. If Don stays in Melbourne, what will be the effect on fandom in that State? Also, what will happen to Hobart fandom? And what will become of Profan?

F.S.S. DOINGS.

It was decided some time ago that as Bruce Sawyer had ceased to take a part in club activities, he would have to be dropped from the active members list. However, in view of the fact that he has joined the AIF, he has been appointed the first honorary member of the club. Best of luck, Bruce!

We have no space for an editorial this week, but we would like to say this. Futurian Observer's record of 15 regular consecutive issues is now broken. This is Reporter No.16. Thanks to all the people that helped us - interstate agents, subscribers, and others who have lent a hand at various times.

THE EDITORS.

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STOP PRESS**TUCK CALLED UP.****ALL PREVIOUS****MOVES CANCELLED.**