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TUCK IN MELBOURNE JOB CAUSES LAST-MINUTE CHANGE.

--From Donald H. Tuck.

Don Tuck is now in Melbourne.

He left Hobart last Thursday, and arrived in Victoria on Friday morning, and for the time being will be living in North Richmond.

A fortnight ago, he intended to go to Melbourne, to await a reply to his application for a job in that State. If he got the job, then he would stay there probably for the duration; if not, he was going on to relatives in South Australia.

He was ready to leave Hobart, when he was called up for military training, and due to go into camp on December 2. Thus his plans for Melbourne were cancelled. This news just made the stop press in our sixteenth issue.

On December 1, one day before he was due to go into camp, Tuck received notification from Melbourne that his application had been accepted, and a job at Maribyrnong was waiting for him. Being before his call-up, he missed camp, and thus changed his plans back to where he was before.

Leaving Hobart on Thursday morning December 4, he arrived in Melbourne on the Friday. For the present his address is C/- Mrs. Barcker, 40 Leslie St., North Richmond, Victoria.

Don says he does not know when he will meet Hookley. However, Wog intends to meet him as soon as he can, and "show him the city" including all the second-hand bookshops, films, Luna Park, etc. We expect news of their meeting sometime during the week.

SYDNEWS.COURT OF INQUIRY ON DEC.28

The F.S.S. has decided to hold the Court of Inquiry on Sunday night, December 28, commencing at 8 p.m. It will be held at Graham Stone's place, 30 The Avenue, Randwick.

It was thought that it could be held on the same day as the third Conference (Jan.4) but as this would make the day too crowded, it was decided to hold it on the preceding Sunday.

Another reason is that most Sydney fans will be able to come on the date arranged. Any fan is allowed to attend.

Preference was given to Stone's place, over Arthur Duncan's, because it is much more accessible to most fans, being in between the Bondi Junction group and the Coogee group. The time (8 o'clock) will give everyone a chance to get there before the Court opens.

Messages will be sent out shortly, informing fans of the details, and notifying those who will be called as witnesses.

CONFERENCE IN DOUBT

Details on the Third Sydney Conference, arranged by Bill Veney, and planned to be held on January 4, are now a little doubtful, as Bill's mother is now in hospital.

For the time being, Veney has stopped all plans, preferring to wait until his mother is well again, so as to be able to give all his attention to the Conference, as well as more time and energy.

Mrs. Veney's illness is not serious, but it is just possible that she may have to take a holiday towards the end of the Year, in which case the conference will have to be postponed.

All going well, however, Bill still hopes to hold it on the original date. He has managed to secure a lot of support from other fans.

MOLES' ORTH MOVES

Vol Molesworth, who has been living at Sylvania now for over a year, and who has had more than an hour's journey to work every day, has moved, and at present is boarding at Bondi Junction, in between the homes of Eric Russell, Colin Roden, and Bill Veney.

Our fifth poll is getting into its stride, but before we receive any more votes, we want to tell just how to send them in.

What is required is the magazine, date of issue, artist, and what the cover illustrated. An example would be:

UNKNOWN...SEP.39...NONE BUT LUCIFER...H.W. SCOTT..

If you could send in your vote, with each cover on a separate line, it would save us a lot of sorting out and checking up. Five names are required, and they will receive one vote each. This poll is on pre-ban and reprint magazines only. The post-ban polls will come later. If you have not already voted, then get your vote ready right away, and send it straight off.

As each cover would take up a separate line, the partial results would take up too much space here. Next week, however, even if complete details are not printed, we will tell you how the favourites and top votes are getting on.

F.S.S. DOINGS

Last meeting, held at Arthur Duncan's home on Friday, December 5, was the biggest for some time, except for the birthday meeting. Bert Castelleri was present as one of the guests, to find out more about the Court of Inquiry. Stephen Cooper, who eats hoktographs, was the other guest, and he delivered a lecture on the lost Continents. Quite a lot of time was spent on club business.

The quarterly elections were held, and the old executives retained their positions, except that Molesworth resigned from position of treasurer, Roden filling the vacancy.

Arthur Duncan, F.F.A. co-ordinator, promised to have Spaceward out in December.

Next meeting was fixed tentatively for Eric Russell's home, on Friday December 19.

Arthur Duncan is now in camp with the Sydney High School Cadets.

Vol Molesworth tells us that Cosmos will not appear for some time yet.

Ted Russell's exams should be over in about three weeks.

EDITORIAL...No Review Column

A comment from Melbourne was received this week to the effect that the editorial had now "outlived its usefulness", and should be replaced by a column.

Once before we had a similar comment, when the writer said that the editorial should be replaced by a review column. In that instance I explained why the editorial was necessary. Those reasons still hold good. The editorial is the only place in which I can give my opinion on a subject, and not the facts. There are sometimes happenings that I don't agree with. If I print the truth, it may appear as though I do agree with them, hence the necessity for an editorial. In any case, they are only included when space permits. The last eight issues have produced but three editorials.

What was not explained, however, was why there was no review column. And there is no time like the present, so....

Certainly, Reporter is an ideal magazine for a review section, because, as some people have said, it comes out frequently enough to review mags as soon as they are issued. But this same statement also contains the reason why a review column would be no good.

Reporter would be able to review mags as soon as they came out, not before. Therefore, every reader would have the magazine when it was reviewed, and the review would be of no use. Hence, whether Reporter were to come out weekly, semi-weekly, or even daily, a review column would be unnecessary. For it to be any good I would have to get the mags before they were on sale.

Colin Roden, EDITOR..

Please understand that this is not an appeal to get mags before they are issued. It is just an explanation, nothing more.

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