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FUTURIAN LAW ON WAY FIRST CHAPTER PASSED

At the last meeting of the F.S.S. it was announced by Vel Molesworth that the first chapter of the book of Futurian Law was completed. It was read out, and passed by the members, and thus became official.

This chapter is on guests, and sets forth, in a way that it can be read and understood by all interested, the various rules that apply to guests, and instances where they have been applied in the past. Apart from the ordinary fan outside the club, it should be especially interesting to future members.

It gives a "history" of the rules that have applied to guests ever since the club began. It shows their evolution, how they were used, and how better and more efficient ones took their place. It tells how and when they applied to various guests, and what effect they had. Finally, it leads up to the rules in force at present, and ends by stating them in their order.

The idea of having a book on Futurian Law was evolved some time ago by Vel Molesworth. The first chapter was begun, and is now official. The second chapter dealing with the director, is now being prepared.

Eventually, it is hoped, the completed book will consist of many chapters, each outlining and explaining a separate subject on the F.S.S. The club is over two years old, and many things have changed in that time, so the position of some matters is not clear to all. Futurian Law, when completed, should clearly define the club's attitude regarding these things.

POLLS.No. 6 - STORIES.4 VOTES.. 37 STORIES.

Evidently my appeal for votes has met with some response, and after one week there are four votes in.

Out of these four votes, 37 stories have been listed. Which means that only three stories have received more than one vote apiece. They are "Lest Darkness Fall", "Professor Jameson" series, and "By Jove!"

Full details are:

Number of votes...4

2 points each: Lest Darkness Fall, Professor Jameson series, By Jove!

1 point each: Before Atlantis Was; Black Flame; Black World; Chapter From the Beginning; Child of Power Council of Drones; Exile of the Skies; Final Blackout; The Ghoul; Green Man of Graypec; Greta, Queen of Queens; He Who Shrank; Indigestible Triton; Into the Darkness; Life Everlasting; Liners of Time; Locked City; Maiden Voyage; Moon Pool; Morons; None but Lucifer; Fertil Among the Drivers; Portrait; Second Deluge; Skylark of Space; Smile of the Sphinx; Terror out of Space; Trends; Triplanetary; Uncertainty; Wanted - Seven Fearless Engineers; Who Goes There? Zagribud; and Inner World.

That list has taken up a great deal of space, but as some people have taken the trouble to send their votes in, I feel they are entitled to see the results

Just as there are three stories with more than one point, so there are only three authors who have written two of the stories. They are Fearn, EE Smith, and Campbell - all old-timers. De Camp has written one story and collaborated on another. Nobody else has more than one story in the poll to date.

With votes coming in the way they are, the poll is certain to be half-way successful. Why not get a few more votes and make it fully successful?

My thanks to those who have already voted.

TUCK'S NEW ADDRESS:

As announced in last week's Melbourne Bulletin, Don Tuck has moved, and his new address is C/- Mrs. Vince, 68 Market St., Essendon, W.5, Victoria.

SYDNEWS.

FANS STRIKE AGAINST ULTRA.

Some time ago, an argument arose concerning a point in Ultra's policy of that time. The editors of Ultra had said that contributing subscribers would only get one copy. That is, if a fan who had previously subscribed were to have a contribution printed, he would get one copy that he had paid for, but nothing at all for his contribution. Fans were dissatisfied, but did nothing about it.

Then came the new policy. It made no mention, however of the above problem. Again it was brought to the editors' attention, and again it was stated that a contributor who had also paid would get only one copy. Thus the position was:

A contributor got one copy free.

A subscribing contributor got one copy for his subscription, but nothing for his contribution.

A contributor, if he wanted two copies, would have to pay for both!

Yet it was admitted by both Ultra's editors that if a contributor were to pay a copy after the issue had been put out, he would receive one copy free (as he had not paid then) and another copy when he did pay. Therefore he would get two copies, whereas the fan who paid before the issue came out, and thus provided some of the money required to bring it out, only got one.

On hearing this, three fans, Arthur Duncan, Colin Roden, and Graham Stone, decided not to give any more contributions until the unfair position were changed. Not much notice was taken of this.

Later on, Eric Russell mentioned the possibility of paying for material, in which case there would be no free copies for contributors at all. This would have ended the dispute, but it was announced soon after that material would not be paid for.

Ted Russell then said he had changed his mind, as he now saw the position from the contributors' viewpoint. He promised to talk to co-editor Eric, and again it looked as though happy days were here again. Not much was said at this stage because it seemed unnecessary to make a fuss about something that might easily smooth over.

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STRIKE AGAINST ULIRA. (Contd.)

But Eric was obstinate. In the fortnight that followed he refused to alter the policy at all, saying that as he had not done it before, there was no reason why he should do it now. In a lengthy argument last Sunday, he said he thought it was right for contributing subscribers to get only one copy, and that they should get nothing at all for their material, in such a case as this.

So Duncan, Roden and Stone are still on strike, and intend to contact other fans about it. Meanwhile, Eric confesses that it is almost impossible for the February issue to come out on time, because of a shortage of material. He will have to either allow contributors the extra copy, break his "better material" policy, or come out late. At present it is not known which.

SA. YAR IN DISTRESS.

A letter to Eric Russell from Bruce Sawyer indicates that he is somewhere up north. His address, for those who want it is MX49616, Tpr. Sawyer BM, 2 Troop A Squadron, 11th. Armoured Car Reg., A.I.F., Military Post Office, Tanworth.

SWITCHBACK.

There is a possibility, at time of writing, that Arthur Duncan will relinquish control of Spaceward, which will go back to the control of Vol Holesworth, who started it.

Remember what I said about an editorial last week?

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