To All Our Readers and All Fans: A Merry Xmas

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SYDNEY CONFERENCE HELD

The Sydney fan conference was held on Friday, 6th December and commenced at 7:30. Those in attendance were Charles La Coste (presiding), Ronald B. Levy, Alan Cordner, Bruce M. Sawyer, Colin Roden, Graham Stone, William D. Veney (at whose home the conference was held) and the position in fandom analysed. The purpose as stated in the FO Extra was to settle in some way the present fan conflict and the state of the FSS, and to endeavour to arrive at some conclusions which will forward Australian fandom.

The bulk of the discussion up till about 9:45 concerned the rules and aims of the club along with anything else regarding it which were brought up. The point was finally raised - - who are the members and who is to be in the executive committee. After a great deal of discussion it was decided that a committee (temporary) should be appointed to decide on whether certain new members would be allowed to join and on the merits of present members. The committee consists of three, namely Alan Cordner, William D. Veney and Bert F. Castellari.

The most important decision was probably that fan editors should not be allowed to make detrimental statements with regard to the FSS while they remained members unless they submitted the material for censorship by the club as whole before printing. Also no members can make detrimental statements regarding other members in fan magazines.

Half of those present had to leave at 10:00 and the other half present finished up at 10:30 after general discussion on science fiction and fandom in general. The Futurian Society is expected to meet again some time in January. Due to the fact that Several fans will be away at various times during this month the meeting will probably not be held till late in the month.

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DENVENTION – 1941

Everyone knows by now of course that the 1941 Convention will be held at Denver, Colorado, otherwise known as the Denvention – the Convention, not Denver, Colorado!

The editors of Futurian OBSERVER wish their readers to know that the Denvention has the support of this magazine and that they will as often as possible contribute to the Denventioneer. Unfortunately Australian fans are not allowed – or any Aussies for that matter – to send cash subscriptions to magazines published in the United States. Therefore we can only echo a statement made in Ron Levy's ZEUS regarding obtaining copies and in some way offering monetary support for the Denvention. That is, if any fan who is not the editor of a publication would care to purchase extra copies of the Denventioneer and send them to us we would be willing to reciprocate with copies of the regular Futurian OBSERVER and anything else he may desire. Should any American fan be willing to do this he is requested to write this magazine as soon as possible. Meantime we take the last line on this page to denounce the Newark fans for their poor-spirited action in attempting to have the convention held elsewhere after the official decision.

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Continuing our DENVENTION ITEMS

Vol Molesworth has been accepted by fandom as the Denvention representative and we feel sure he will fill the position ably. (Note: in our next issue we will print the results of an interview with Monsieur Molesworth regarding the action he intends to take about Australia's representation at Denver. 1940's mistake must not be allowed to re-occur. We hope that Americans understand why no Aussies can become members of the Colorado Fantasy Society as much as they would like to – again it is the question of:- cash! We need not repeat the tale.

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SPEAKING OF FAN MAGS:-

Warwick Hockley has written to say that the December AUSTRA-FANTASY will probably be late due to the fact that he and Keith Taylor are purchasing a duplicator soon and wish to have the next A-F done on it. We cannot help but make some mention of the progress of this magazine which started off as a carbon-copied publication, with its second issue went hektoed and now with its third issue is mimeographed. What can we expect in a few months? This mag has possibilities. . .And speaking of Melbourne magazines, OBS has a little competition what with Melbourne Bulletin having seen its second issue. . .We like this mag!

Vol Molesworth announces that COSMOS may not survive after its February issue owing to finance or something similar. . .We are sorry to hear of this. . .

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ITEMS:-

Randwick fan, Graham Stone, who hails from Adelaide, is at present spending one month's holiday in that city. Sydney fans who are in contact with him have sent the addresses of former Adelaide fans, for Graham intends to try and arouse interest again in that state. This is indeed good work on his part and we hope he has great success. . .Readers, we hope, noted the correction to page one of OBS No. 24. - “deign to” should read “deign not to”. . .Any big gaps in this magazine are the result of censorship after stenciling. . .A recent issue of “Woman” printed a short science fiction yarn, “A Crack in the Fourth Dimension”. . .Also a recent issue of “Pix” printed three pages of scenes from the “Thief of Bagdad” now showing in Sydney. . .Wog Hockley informs us that “Dr. Cyclops” should be in Sydney within the next two weeks. Sydney fans have previously been unable to get any reliable information. . .Sydneyites were very pleased to see Bruce Sawyer when he was on leave from military camp recently. . .Several possibilities of new fans in the Randwick-Coogee area have again become apparent. . .

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Futurian OBSERVER:-

is still a V-C Publication and issues from 10a Sully Street, Randwick, Sydney, NSW which is in a land called Australia. Send Bert F. Castellari or William D. Veney at 10a Sully Street, Randwick – oh, we have that already, - 1/- and receive in return 7 issues of this mag. If you are American send 20 cents and get the same number. But don't send less! We can't accept it! This mag appears fortnightly – or should!

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Some consternation has arisen among fans as to who is publishing the mag ZEUS. This comes as the result of the issuance of both Ronald B. Levy and Noel Dwyer of a second issue – the former mimeod, the latter hektoed. We have been requested by editor Levy to inform as many fans as possible that he and Dwyer have got together on the matter and arrived at a decision, - said decision being peaceable.

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Oh, Vol! How could you? Look at the latest COSMOS dear reader! Vomosworth has an Australian S-F Check-List – a list which has omitted two magazines, one of which is important to Australian fandom in that it was the Australian fanmag: Science Fiction Review and Zeus. Vol has apologised. . .stay thy hand!

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