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AUSTRALIAN FANDOM GOES TO WAR:- Possibly the only known Australian fan to be occupied greatly with the present war is George R. Turner of Melbourne. . . Though no one has heard from George since he left Australia ('twas with the second contingent) it is believed that he has been very much active with the rest of the Australian running team in the Libyan Athletics. However, should anyone hear from him we would be glad if they would forward his address in order that we may communicate with him.

Other Melbournites, Hockley, Taylor, and MacBride are at present too young to undergo training, but it is believed that the silence of Marshall L. MacLennan may mean that he is doing his 90 days – what sayeth Marshall?

Don Tuck expects to be called up soon for his 90 days training. This means that Hobart's "only" will be inactive for a little while.

In the North J. Keith Moxon states that ill-health has forced him to head for the country and is now working on the land. This makes Keith exempt from training (the ill-health, not the fact of working on the land). . . Still moving around the North, wonder if Chas S. Mustchin has been spending some time in the army?

Back South again and in Sydney we must ferret around a bit. Two Sydneyites suffer from physical disabilities which make them exempt. They are Vol Molesworth and David R. Evans. Bruce M. Sawyer is just completing his 90 days in camp – our dampened spirits may brighten when his "happy, smiling face" pokes around the corner into Pitt Street again! Speaking of Bruce reminds me that Eck, oops, Eric Russell is now near training age – wow! That will leave much younger brother, Ted, to hold the fort with Ultra. Then of course there's several 17-year-olds who haven't much longer to wait. . . William D. Veney, Kenneth N. Dwyer, Bert Castellari and so on! Ronald B. Levy (16 years) is not new to it having been in training for some time with the Sydney Grammar Regiment.

So there is the bulk of Aussie-fandom in the conflict, excepting for one gentleman who does more good work in science fiction in this country than is known; Charles La Coste says he expects to be called up for his 90 days any time now.

And finally, one of the fans already mentioned is entertaining thoughts of joining the R. A. A. F. reserve – to be transferred to the R. A. A. F. proper later on! (No name allowed!)

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SUCCESS OF THE SYDNEY CONFERENCE:

It is most interesting to note that today in Sydney there is only very minor squabbling and personal disagreement among fans. Though at least half of them are nursing big grudges against others they have, for the most part, declined to do anything about them, which is a good thing.

It is also interesting to note that fans who were formerly at one another's throats are now managing to patch up to some extent their past differences and settle down to other things. . . other things not being feuds. There has been, of course, a number of revolutionary changes, most of which were recorded last issue, but for the most part it is "all quiet".

The reason for this can be credited to one thing only: the Sydney Conference. Regular readers of Observer (and only regular readers are getting (continued in Col.2. Page 2.)

FUTURIAN SOCIETY: The Futurian Society of Sydney's twentieth-first meeting was held recently and the subject of most importance to be discussed was that of the Futurian Association of Australia.

It was proposed that every club, magazine, etc should be affiliated with the FAA if it so wished, thus making the Futurian Association of Australia a fairly complete register of Australian Futuria.

Other matters of fan importance were discussed at the meeting. William D. Veney is now the club secretary.

The name of the club organ was decided to be "Future". It will probably have 12 pages and appear in mimeod form once a month. The date of appearance for the first issue is as yet not settled.

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PERSONAL

J. KEITH MOXON wishes to extend his thanks to all fan-editors who have been so kind as to forward him copies of their publications and would like them to communicate with him regarding payment or reciprocation for them.

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VOL MOLESWORTH has told us that he will be unable to put out Psychos due to the time necessary for his new position, but will instead issue a smaller magazine - probably TELEFAN. . .

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WILLIAM D. VENEY has retired from his position as co-editor on Futurian Observer. And so it is that Obs is looking for a new co-editor and has a handy list with six or seven names on it. However, as there is a new idea in the offing regarding the editorship of Obs watch our next issue for an announcement.

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"Now is the time for all good fans to come to the aid of 'Imaginative Stories'. ..AHM!

(Cont. from Col.2. P.1.) Obs nowadays) know the outcome of this included the banning of detrimental statements by fans about other fans in magazines, hence no one has made cracks or attacks, hence no one is sore, hence everything is lovely and rosy in the garden - we only hope it lasts.

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STATEMENTS

Following we give the impression of meeting number twenty-two of the FSS as gathered by Ex-Director David R. Evans and its Secretary William D. Veney. David R. Evans said: "Just the usual pathetic attempt to try to get someplace which I feel I could do something to assist with the cooperation of the rest." Mr. Evans added that he would like to see all the old members of the FSS combining into a brotherhood of unity which should lead to the ideals and dreams of all concerned.

On the other hand, William D. Veney: "It was one of the quietest and most orderly meeting to date. (This, of course, is only to be expected with such a small attendance.) We did however, achieve something. Plenty of enthusiasm was shown among the newer members and generally all were interested."

So there you have two viewpoints. Draw your own conclusions. We have drawn ours!

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