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SYDNEY BUNFIGHT GREAT SUCCESS !!

Wonderful Waste of Time.

Last Issue Obs drew the attention of its readers to the fact that Sydney would hold a second Conference in place of the Sydney Convention (the latter being a furphy from the start!) Obs stated that at the Conference there would be discussion on problems of Australian fandom (or rather, so said EFR in a postcard dispatched to fans). It was also expected that the Futurian Association of Australia would come under notice as well as all appertaining to fan clubs and mags. The personal hopes of the editors of this mag were that there would be time for the discussion of relationships with British and American fandom.

Briefly, the whole affair flopped. And in its place was held the most glorious science-fiction bunfight which ever rivalled the Los Angeles Science Fantasy Society's best beach party! We do not intend to report fully what went on, but suffice to say that though attendance was reasonably large, accomplishments amounted to one or two only.

Let's look to the attendance, the accomplishments not being worth immediate attention. Sydney fans present were Eric F. Russell, Edward H. Russell, Ronald B. Levy, David R. Evans, Charles La Coste, William D. Veney, Colin Roden, Graham Stone, Vol Molesworth, Alan Cordner and Bruce Sawyer. There were, we think, others, whom we can't remember at the moment. No, Bert Castellari didn't attend, lucky guy. From Newcastle was R. Cudden. Bert Castellari made representation through a two page epistle read by Ronald B. Levy and jumped on by most of those present, finally disregarded. More on it further down.

For some time all present were under the belief that Warwick Hockley would be in attendance due to a telegram sent to Eric Russell signed "Hockley" stating that he had arrived in Sydney and would be at the conference. Accusations were made as to who really sent it and the editors take time and space to absolutely deny it, 'cos more accusations have been levelled in this direction than any other. We have more use for our money than to waste it on telegrams to – task, nearly a dirty crack!

For a while there was a lot of fan mag distribution. Eric Russell issued a conference pamphlet of four pages which he had the nerve to call a booklet. All right Eric, we know you didn't really mean it. But just the same Sydney fans are not as lazy as you think. We refer to that little gem on the back page viz: "We've Got To Work To Make The World Of Tomorrow – It Just Won't Happen." So it won't eh, Eck? So we just won't work! All right duckie, we know you meant "It won't just happen" but never, never, never do that again. Mean to say old top, even though some of us don't work, that's not the case with every fan.

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