FUTURIAN OBSERVER

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SYDNEY CONFERENCE SOON

As announced in the twenty-first issue of Futurian OBSERVER, Sydney fans are to hold a conference to decide the future action in forwarding Australian fandom. Mr. Charles La Coste, well-known collector and neutral in the present conflict has agreed to be present and will possibly occupy the Chair.

The date proposed for the conference is Friday 6th November, and every fan sincerely interested in forwarding Australian fandom is cordially invited to attend. If you are coming then contact either William D. Veney or Bert F. Castellari at their respective addresses and we shall all decide as to the most suitable place for the conference to be held. Speed in organising is essential. Your co-operation is desired – will you help?

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First of the new Randwick fans is Graham Stone, who is fast becoming acquainted with other fans and their ways! And how! . .Eric F. Russell has returned subscriptions and stated that HERMES might not be appearing after all. . .

Pix of November 9th printed a double spread of scenes from “Dr Cyclops”. “Woman's Weekly” and the “Sunday Telegraph Magazine” followed suit the latter being well-printed in colour process.

Issue of “Woman” for November 11th printed an unusual short story by J. Jefferson Farjeon - “The Man Who Murdered Time”. Deals with a man who spent his whole life among clocks and what would happen to him if they stopped. “World's News” for November 16th printed “Traps in Time” a satire on time travelling by Frederic Chaffer. This gent you will remember wrote “Tramps at Mars”, a similar satire, for the January 13th issue of the same mag.

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FANS' CAMPAIGN: Sydney fans staged a blitzkrieg in the Sydney "Daily Telegraph" Fifty-Fifty Letterette Column recently. It began with a letter signed "Stf" appearing on the 7th November, asking about the possibilities of an Australian professional science fiction magazine. This was answered by someone who signed himself "Snubby", agreeing with "Stf". "Snubby's" letter appeared on the 19th November. On the 14th November "Planet's" letter was printed stating a few more facts on the subject. The last letter appeared on 18th November, and managed to get in a plug for the Futurian Society. Any further campaigning has since met with failure.

It is interesting to note that of all the papers to campaign through, the "Telegraph" has always been the hardest to crash, it is considered something of an achievement to have gone as far as we did.

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SCIENCE FICTIONEERS CARDS ARRIVE: William D. Veney has at last been able to acknowledge receipt of the Science Fictioneers membership cards for the members of the Futurian Society of Sydney. These have been distributed to all fans who are supposed to get them.

Fans who have joined up since the list was sent away will have their names forwarded to Frederic Pohl for inclusion in the Science Fictioneers rapidly increasing membership.

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Futurian OBSERVER Nos 22, 23, 24 will probably appear during the next week. An unanticipated delay has caused us to put off the printing, but we hope to have it ready for distribution next Friday. We may also manage to have number 25 ready for distribution. . .ZEUS again changes its price – it will be sixpence per copy, not 4d as stencilled already on OBS number 22.

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