

Science Fiction weekly newsletter.

THE RETURN OF GLICK. Last Thursday evening, members of the Sydney SF Group were highly delighted to welcome into their midst again - for the second week in succession - our old friends, Bluey and Lorelei. Very good to have this well known and well liked couple back in Sydney again and it is to be hoped that we will see a good deal more of them in the future.

Bluey, full of enthusiasm after having been responsible the previous Sunday evening for injecting a good deal of new life and enthusiasm into Futurian Society affairs, exerted the not inconsiderable Glick charm and eloquence in an attempt to recruit some of the ex-Futurians and others, back to the fold. In view of the very obvious sincerity that Bluey shows, one cannot but wish him luck in his earnest attempt to heal the existing breach.

I cannot help but wonder though, just what sort of a reception any of the Bridge Club Group would get, were they to go to the Taylor Square Clubrooms and attempt a similar recruiting campaign?

Be that as it may, it would definitely seem that neither side is particularly satisfied with matters as they stand - and for very good reasons! Both would like to do something to drastically alter the situation but neither side is courageous enough to make any overly conciliatory move, being too conscious of their tin pot pride and prestige, and utterly smug in their own righteousness.

Of course there are a number of diametrically opposed views that militate largely against any sort of reconciliation, particularly the sharp division existing between those who are all in favour of 'organization', legal constitutions etc., and those who are opposed to anything but the barest minimum of essential organization. Also, there are a number of childish personal feuds and animosities that will make the going very difficult for the would be peace-makers. Short of a general banging together of heads, I fail to see any solution to this latter problem.

Despite the fervent protestations of the recently published Futurian newsletter regarding the Banned List, many fans are still very dubious, particularly several who were with Bill Hubble on the occasion when he was bluntly (and rather rudely) refused admission to the Taylor Square Clubrooms. Also, the editor must admit that he has his own doubts on this matter, as he was very plainly given to understand that his presence would be far from welcome.

There are some slight indications that 'examples' may be made of one or two Futurian members over some of the unfortunate incidents of the past year, and that several scape-goats have already been 'chosen'. We hope that this is not so and the general membership of the Society will have enough sense and tact not to penalize in any way, those, who, under the impression that they were doing the right thing, acted a little too zealously to protect their club.

Whatever may be the outcome of the politics presently being played - and it is most sincerely to be hoped that they will result in an agreeable compromise (one cannot hope for anything more!) acceptable to all - we hope that all those interested in the Convention will give it their fullest support and help make it the big success that previous conventions have been. Also, we hope that all fans in the Sydney area will drop in to see us at the Bridge Club occasionally. As has always been the case, everybody is welcome (NO EXCEPTIONS!). We do not demand that anybody give us their undivided loyalty and support.

The editor hears that the latest rumour circulating regarding him, is that he is rabidly anti-Semitic! This is rather laughable, but arouses his curiosity as to what particularly perverted form of logic was used by the originator of this rumour to come to that startling conclusion.

Sorry to hear that Bill Hubble is not enjoying the best of health at the moment and all hope that it will not be long before he is back to his usual form again.

Resurrected! (apparently) Ken Martin whom we have not seen for too long a time!

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