

# FUTURIAN OBSERVER

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LATEST ON THE BAN:- No important developments have taken place since the last issue of OBS. It is interesting, however, to note some of the methods being made to overcome this obstacle. Firstly, we have been informed by several bookstall proprietors that a protest has been lodged by the N.S.W. Newsagent's Association, and the suggestion made that only a cut of 10% be enforced. When this is refused, as expected, then the Newsagent's Association will "compromise", and "modify" its demands to a 20% cut. The Government cannot ignore this offer and will probably (yes, only "probably") suggest a 50% or even only a 25% cut. Secondly newspapers report that thousands of letters have poured in to the Government from all parts of the Commonwealth protesting against the ban. This may have some result as elections are in the offing! We can only wait and hope.

FAN ACTION!:- Already science fiction fans have leapt to the attack and a number of letters have appeared in the evening paper, THE SUN, which has the largest circulation of any Australian daily. These letters are advocating an Australian sf magazine --- and the readiness with which this publication prints these has led to some optimism that possibly that company may enter the field! So far, letters from L. Sinclair of Waverly, "Two Others" of Edgecliffe, "Vomoswoth" (Vol Molesworth), and Bert F. Castellari have appeared. According to advice received from inside the SUN office, (Molesworth, Friedlander, Castellari, Collins and Jefferys all work there), more letters are awaiting publication. So far, attempts to operate on the TELEGRAPH and other leading papers have failed, but Futurians are now preparing for a concentrated attack on the former paper, advanced letters of which have already been mailed.

FROM KEITH MOXON:- (This is taken from a personal letter. We hope you don't mind Keith!):  
"This magazine ban!! Isn't it awful!! Disgusting!! Obnoxious!! Now this is what I suggest you do, Bill. In your capacity as Director of the FUTURIAN SOCIETY of SYDNEY, write to each of the science fiction magazines and tell them that after the war is over to forward their monthly magazines semi-monthly until all the past issues are used up, and the dates are again back to normal. A crude way of putting it, but can you understand what I mean? If you don't, I certainly will!"

TO WHICH WE REPLY:- An excellent idea and we certainly shall try it, but it is doubtful if the U.S. companies would hold up thousands of magazines per month for possibly several years, on the remote possibility of selling them. After all, back issues are obtainable from the magazines' subscription departments.

NEWS ABOUT THE "MOXON MAG":- Owing to the increase in the price of material, and the poor response to his circular, Keith Moxon regrets to announce that his proposed new publication will be mimeographed, and not lithographed as previously announced. However, an attempt will be made to increase the number of pages and even possibly other improvements will be made before the finished magazine appears. Incidentally, if you wish to support this ambitious venture with material or subscriptions, then write to J. Keith Moxon, C/- Y.M.C.A., Edwards Street, Brisbane, Queensland, or if you reside in Sydney, to the editors of OBS, and information will be gladly given.

