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EDITORIAL

VOTE PECK! The day of judgement draws near for two men in Australia, and all eyes are upon them. One sits in a corner, nervously chewing his finger nails, while the other stands confidently to the fore, smiling and waving to the cheering crowds. The latter is our President.....

The outcome of the ASF elections at the end of December will prove every interesting. At the moment, Warren Peck appears to have the ASF Presidency all tapped, and justly so. His strength lies in a majority support by N.S.W. societies, won over to his side by vigorous campaigning in true electioneering style, from whom expects 7 out 13 votes. Also, his ambitious program for ASF, and lack of active opposition from Hamilton-Smith will probably win votes from societies of other states who would otherwise oppose a N.S.W. monopoly. These, if they are interested in the welfare of ASF will admit that the ASF improvement scheme, if carried out only in part will lead to a more efficient structural organisation.

This raises the question of the validity of ASF's existence. Its value lies in the guidance and co-ordination of speleological work, especially in recording it in a form easily accessible to all speleologists. In all probability it will always remain a political puppet, whose strings are to be pulled at the whim of the executive. The greatest and most enduring asset that ASF has and may ever have is its potentiality. And so we may yet witness the materialisation of at least an

General Meeting Of 6/12/60

All that gutters is not out. Although the days of endless wrangles might appear at an end, in these past few streamlined meetings, Tuesday 6th proved to hold a few surprises.

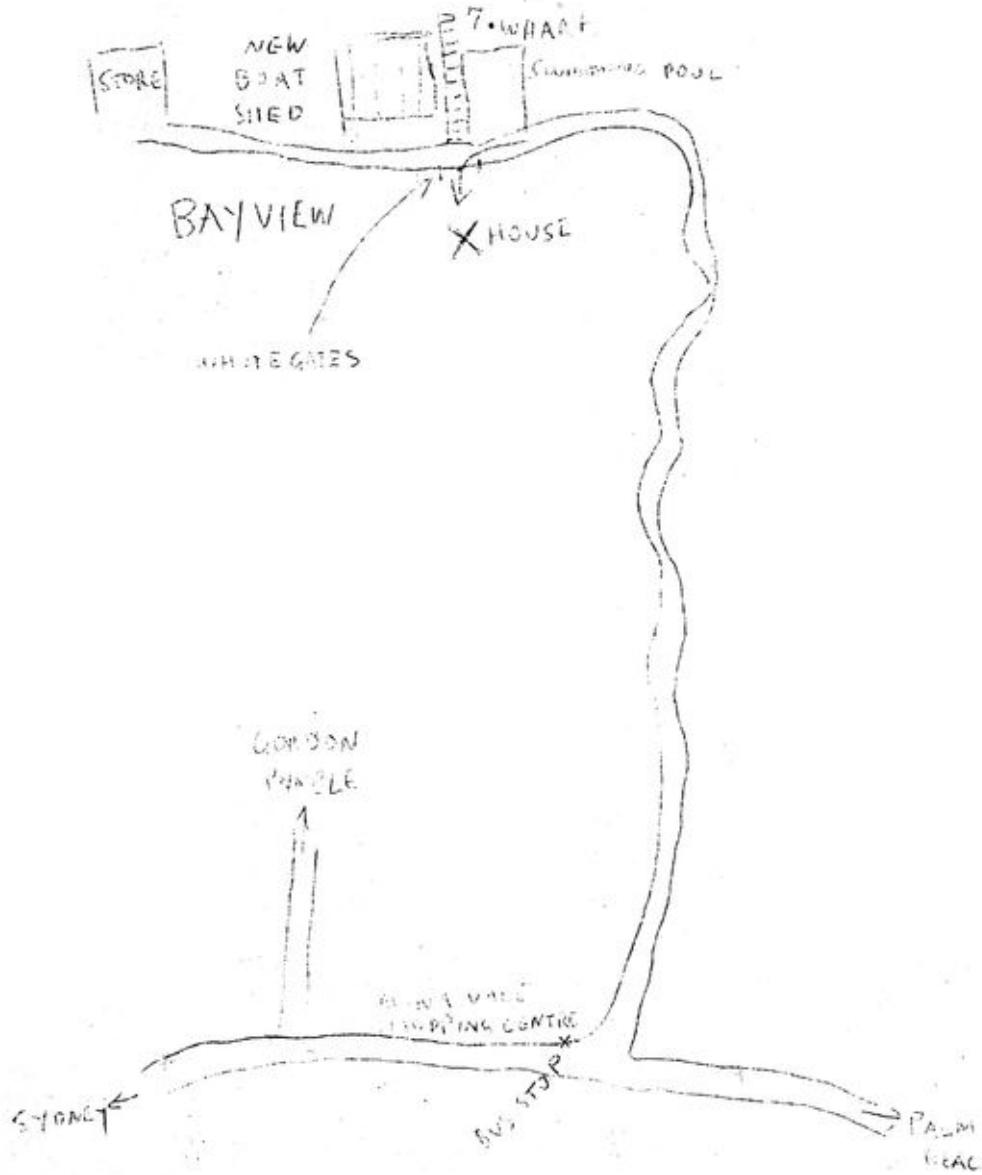
Firstly, Tom Landecker was elected the SUSS representative at the LCN conference, and with Mark Foy in the chair, it was decided that the representative should vote according to his own discretion. A tense moment followed in which the president demanded outright whether the society intended to vote for him or not. Whereupon, a crisis was averted by the proposal of a motion moving that SUSS vote for Warren as President of ASF unless a case of emergency should arise.

Secondly, the motion, put by the President, that SUSS second the nomination of Roy Kotner of Orange for treasurer. Ben Nurse was then nominated, and although he has previously declined to stand for nomination, he has now accepted. Well, well.

Thirdly, although a previous G.W. had decided that SUSS needed a code of ethics, a motion was passed denying this fact. Here right thinkers in the audience this time. As the code was to be published as a guide to new members, may I suggest that it be published in the Year Book under the heading "Do's and Don't's For Frogs, Young and Old".

Lastly, we bade adieu to Mark Foy, who is relinquishing Vice-chair, yes-Presidency for a better paid job in stainless land. His successor is E. Landecker *C. cont*

But not least, we officially said good-bye to Margaret Innes, presenting her with a small token of our esteem, a camp primus to keep the friendship pot boiling overseas. It is unlikely that SUSS will again have as good a secretary as Margaret, who was more than capable or efficient, and her office was the clearing-house of SUSS affairs. A vry much regret to see her passing from our midst, and wish her allthe best abroad.



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CHRISTMAS PARTY Wed 21.12.60

This function will be held at rather short notice at Bayview, the home of SUSS barbecues and the secretary. The good cheer and beer will commence about 8p.m. I shall supply the food and softdrink at a nominal charge of 5/- head. SUSS parties are predictably unpredictable but such information as is available may be obtained from me, JJ2531 before 11.30a.m.

Those swooping through Mona Vale in limousines, please watch for forlorn figures wanting lifts, and hitchers make yourselves obvious. Buses run from Wynyard and Manly to Mona Vale at odd intervals. Cars run all the time. See map on a subsequent page.

TRIPS TRIPS TRIPS

No news has filtered through to us concerning future trips, except for a whole host of ASF Conference trips. The application forms for these are to be returned by last Mon. 12th Dec. but its probably never too late to go.

You are reminded that the Publicity and Programs officer is Glen Chandler, who's about these things and is obtainable by phone 517947. The first of these trips will be at Bungonia, after the 30th Dec. and will be lead by SUSS

CONVENTION WEEK

Its on again, trying to the freshers to join SUSS, for this purpose a dash of skill and cunning is required. Volunteers will be required to assist with talks, tables, pamphlets, acrobatics and all the paraphernalia of the lube. What is your particular talent? Phone 5 7947 and find out.

SUSS PRODUCTIONS IN CALL OFF THE DOG!

At the last general meeting, Jeff Minwood asked the society to adjudicate as to whether the proprietor of SUSS Production was able to submit statements in a report to September's Committee Meeting on J.'s Management. The proprietor employed a group of Business Management Consultants who were to carry out an impartial investigation, Jeff reserving the right to reply to anything in the report.

The outcome of the matter has been the dropping of the hot brick thankfully by all concerned.

At the moment, under the management of Pto, Gail and Dace have, the business is reaching the state where a steady income is assured for SUSS, with a working capital of £200 in view.

RE-EMBURSEMENTS

Re-embursments for chemicals or other equipment used for society work, will be made on purchases subject to the approval of the committee. This applies especially to fluores cein, which can be bought in small amounts from people with greater quantities. Fluores cein costs 25/- per lb. at Towns end & Merc er and is re-embursed by 80% (this price) as for other chemicals.

Trip leaders may ask trip members to share in expenses entailed.

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