

It might deal with the two extremes of real enmity or remorse, but it has no power at all to defend itself against disapproval.

This is one of the main themes in *The Great Explosion*, and Russell explores it with great ingenuity and humour; his imaginary 'colonial peoples' are the work of real inventiveness and insight—there are the Hygeans who wear no clothes and are disgusted at 'Terran' dirtiness and disease, and the Gands who base their conduct on the Civil Disobedience principles of Gandhi and their ethical and economic systems on the exchange of 'obs' (obligations). All the colonists are pictured with wit and skill; they are an amazing mixture of the strange and the recognizable.

The Great Explosion is more than an imaginative and enjoyable story. The Terrans who go out to reclaim the colonies in space are made to examine the conventions and assumptions by which they live: Why do they submit to authority? Why do they accept the power of money? Are they living in the happiest and simplest way possible for man? Four hundred years before 'the great explosion' the questions are the same.

WANTED AND FOR SALE

IF ANY member has a copy of *I am a Legend* which he is willing to sell, would he please get into touch with A.A/A R. Terry, 125 Mess, H.M.S. *Falcon*, Malta, G.C.

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by Algis Budrys

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by Mark Clifton

(Gollancz 16s; SFBC 8s 6d)

NEXT MONTH'S CHOICE IS
THE GREAT EXPLOSION
by Eric Frank Russell

(Dobson 13s 6d; SFBC 5s 9d)

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