



## SPECIAL EXAMS

### STAFF CAUTIOUS

The Student Association backed proposal to force more students through Auckland University by instituting a special exam for those who miss Finals has met with a cautious reaction from staff members.

The proposal, put to staff members by Craccum was:

Is it feasible to hold special exams at all levels, three months after Finals in October/November? As we see it, students who did not miss hopelessly or were incapacitated, would be eligible for the 'specials'.

The second exam would be harder than the first, and there would be no gradings other than 'pass' and 'fail' so that incentives to pass the first exam would not be diminished.

Obvious advantages of the scheme are that more students of the required standard will be shuffled through on the present limited facilities. Fewer students will be subjected to the economic wastage of doing a second year for the same subject. Overcrowding at the lower levels will be reduced.

The disadvantages were spelled out by the staff: extra work cutting into leave and research time.

Reactions varied from 'good' to 'revolting idea'. There emerged, however, a clear consensus in favour of a

second exam for final-year students and possibly for those students who were sick for Finals. Craccum noted that listed failures on the aegrotat basis are frequently the subject of complaint.

The Craccum round-up included:

**Dr R.J. Irwin (Psychology):** "I'm in favour of it overall. I don't see the difficulty of marking the papers as insuperable. This is almost standard procedure in the States. You increase the reliability of assessment. Maybe we should make everyone sit twice!"

**Prof. Ray Bradley (Philosophy):** "I am not in principle opposed. It's a question which deserves examination. At the University of N.S.W. such a system did not as I recall it, lead to a very significant increase in the pass rate, but it meant a tremendously heavy burden on staff members who had to set and mark extra papers." He went on to say, "In my view the system is nearly unworkable within the framework of the existing staff system."

**Mr Bill Mandle (Pol. Studs):** "A terrific advantage for students, but I would be inclined to keep it to the final unit of the course. I would support this replacing the aegrotat. Occasionally there are injustices within the aegrotat. Overall it would be a temptation to students to relax their efforts."

**Mr D.L. Gadiel (Economics):** "At Rhodes University, South Africa such a system was operating. The students liked it, the staff didn't."

**Mr Walter Pollard (Romance):** "My immediate reaction is egotistical and ignoble — O my God, more marking!"

**Mr Andy Pawley (Anthro.):** "The system of 'posts' in Australia is a good one — it gives another chance. I think it would be a step in the right direction." **Prof. P.N. Tarling (History),** spent 8 years at the University of Queensland where a limited application of the system was in operation. "I am not in favour of it just for everyone. There are marginal cases at Finals here and we have a good look at them in particular. In Queensland there wasn't a second chance for just anyone."

**Miss Averilda Gorrie (Geography):** "It might be of use to Final-year students. If a firm proposal was put up, I would give it serious attention."

**Dr Bill Pearson (English):** "If a student had failed the first exam, he wouldn't be likely to pass a harder exam. The extra work in setting and marking would cut down the major opportunity the staff get for research and fieldwork. It would encourage lack of incentive for the first exam. My reaction is cautious."

**Mr John Betts (Classics):** "Revolting idea!!"

Many of the comments are unfavourable. They come of course from a vested interest already under strain, and seeing itself as being subjected to more strain.

Students have a similar right to comment, the letters column of Craccum is open to them.

## David Fleming



The co-editor of Craccum, Dave Fleming, (20), died suddenly on June 21. Dave was a third year Bachelor of Arts student majoring in French and was completing two units to gain his B.A. this year.

He took up co-editorship with Lei Lelaulu this year after joining the paper when he started at 'varsity'.

In 1963, he was dux and head prefect of St Kentigern's College and won a University Junior Scholarship. The previous year he had passed from the fifth form to the upper sixth and had then been second equal below the dux and had won a university national scholarship. After leaving school he played rugby for Grammar Old Boys in 1964 and 1965.

Dave was the eldest son of Mr and Mrs T.H. Fleming of Mountain Road, Epsom, and had two younger brothers.

This year Dave helped raise the standard of Craccum, which outside journalists say is higher than ever before and which was unofficially judged the best student newspaper in

New Zealand at the Easter council of the New Zealand Student Press Association.

Dave attended the Easter meeting and was instrumental in getting the N.Z.S.P.A. disaffiliated from the New Zealand University Students' Association, allowing for a more efficient news service, and release from the political control of N.Z.U.S.A.

The editor and news editor of Craccum, Lei Lelaulu and Geoff Chapple will be setting up an annual memorial prize open to all newspapers on the N.Z.S.P.A. circuit for the best feature article submitted during the year.

Also, a memorial award for the best student journalism at Auckland university (see leader page) is being set up.

Little else can be said except Dave did terrific work on Craccum and we miss this and him a lot.

Lei Lelaulu  
Geoff Chapple  
Mike Keenan  
Bill Montgomerie  
Alec Frame  
and Craccum Staff

## Miss Issue 7





# CRACCUM

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## Dave Fleming Memorial

A memorial fund in memory of Dave Fleming has been set up. It is hoped that donations will be sufficient to allow for an annual cash award of £10 to 'The Best Student Journalist at Auckland University'. If the donations received reached the vicinity of £400, the fund could be passed into the hands of a very small trust which would invest the collected amount. In this way, the annual prize would, in time, be drawn from the interest gained.

Applicants will be required to submit three samples of their published work, of which at least one must be a news item. A panel of three judges will be selected from professional journalists. The prize will be awarded at the annual Student Press dinner promoted by 'Outspoke'. Editors of both the papers will not be eligible.



On the national scale, Geoff Chapple, the News Editor, and myself will sponsor an annual cash prize of 10 guineas for the best published feature article submitted to the judges of the annual New Zealand Student Press Association competition. The first Fleming Memorial Feature prize will be announced at the winter session of the N.Z.S.P.A. next month at Auckland.

Dave Fleming strove to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the Auckland student press, which in his view, had manifested only a fraction of its potential as a medium for the voicing of student opinion. To this end he worked, and like most things he took part in, he gave of his academic brilliance and generous personality without restraint. Qualities which coupled with sincerity and boundless energy constituted a colleague and friend never to be forgotten.

Lelei Lelaulu Tuisamoa.

# LETTERS

## Current Offence

Sir,

May I express to you my contempt at your deliberate attempt to offend those who hold the Christian religion in respect. It is not your first offence but I thought that the inclusion of the name of Christ in your list of contributors touched the depths of offensiveness.

Yours

Professor E.M. Blaiklock  
 Dept. of Classics

Sir,

We the undersigned wish to register a strong protest at the misuse of the name Jesus Christ, as listed in the names of the contributors in the current issue of Craccum.

We consider this to be extremely offensive and request that an apology be printed in the next issue.

Elsie Williams  
 Maxine Heinz  
 Noeline Close  
 G.A. McCallagh  
 Margaret Marshall  
 Gwynneth McGarghy  
 ADMINISTRATION

The offensive character has been removed and shall not appear again. We accordingly extend to the offended an apology.

- Ed.

Dear Sirs,

I feel I must draw your attention to an article in Issue 4 in which you printed a photograph of Nigel Rosenberg chained to a pillar of Government House and beside it were his convictions and how he had the courage to stand up for them - all very good, I must agree. But then to have dramatically spreadeagled across the page in bold black type the words: "Thou Shalt Not Kill" was rather too much for me. These words, in case you may not know, are taken from the Bible, from the Ten Commandments - the fifth in fact - and are part of the very basis of Christian ethics and Christian behaviour and Christian thinking. And yet in the adjoining article Nigel Rosenberg states that he believes that human life is the only thing each of us has. Thus does he betray and portray that he is himself an

atheist or anything but a Christian.

So how you, Craccum, or anyone for that matter find an indelible link between the two rather mystifies me. Granted that if the article had been headed e.g. "Nigel Rosenberg thinks that no-one has the right to take human life" it would have sufficed. But whoever heard of Christian teaching being used to further an atheist's argument? Oh! indeed it was spectacular, likely to "sway the multitude" who would not take time to think about what was written. So in future, Craccum, if you are to continue to print spectacular nonsense - please print it on softer paper.

Des J. Connolly.  
 (Fresher but not Greener)

**Editors' Note:** We presume that for "Nigel" one should read "Nicky" and for "Government House" read "Parliament Buildings". Apart from these errors of fact, if Mr. Connolly believes that humane doctrines are for the use of Christians only, he is perfectly entitled to do so.

## Un-Student

## Craccum

Dear Sirs,

When the subject of distributing Craccum in the City was raised last year, I was one of the few who objected. My reason was that Craccum would no longer be a paper solely for A.U. students. My fears, it seems, were completely confirmed. Craccum is a fine piece of journalism. It covers overseas and national affairs well, its special features are good, but less than half the paper is devoted to student activities. This undoubtedly gives the paper a national appeal, but Craccum should be for us, not the nation. The contents of Craccum are excellent for developing the old mind, you know, and they obviously have public appeal, but hell, even N.Z. Student News has more news about what's happening at A.U.

Are we (who subsidize it) in fact doing through Craccum what Capping '66 has been accused of doing: bending over backwards to produce something that will be more accept-

able to the public? We shouldn't have to worry about setting the bloody thing to the local community.

I find the letters to Editors very entertaining. I'm getting just a little of Atheist and Christian especially when it takes the place of a letter of a colleague of mine explaining an important aspect of Capping to some ill-informed students.

Gary Gotlieb.

P.S. Two gold stars Craccum-cum-Elam photographer taking all those lovely Capping photos of his friends. P.P.S. Unless I knew Editor I might think Craccum politically biased. P.P.P.S. Did he marry a blin' Nell?

## Chapple

## Sochred

Dear Sirs,

I trust I may be given the right to reply to "Chapple" his criticism of my talk to the Social Credit. He claims that I did not prove that enormous profits accrued to trading banks from their ability to create credit. If so, the fault is mine.

If banks are regarded purely as trading institutions, their profit is the difference between the amount they receive in interest and what they pay out in salaries and other expenses. It is on this they pay tax and it does not appear to be excessive.

But banks are much more than trading concerns, they are manufacturing of credit. Perhaps only someone able successfully to counterfeit bank notes would realise the enormous profitability of money creation.

The report of the Monetary Commission makes it quite clear that the volume of money is increased by bank lending by bank purchases of securities and assets. If you or I were able to acquire several hundred million pounds' worth of other people's securities and assets simply by issuing costless credit, no doubt we would consider it highly profitable, more so than highway robbery, floating bogus companies or even engaging in legitimate industry and commerce.

There is no other activity which can be used as a basis



# PREY...

## Un-student

Dear Sir,

Whatever the merits of the students' stand, our stand, with which I am in agreement, I cannot agree with or support this latest scandal-mongering and sensationalism which has exploded the whole principle beyond reasonable bounds. Recent accusations about Police brutality, etc., goes beyond any reasonable protest and typifies the attitude growing within our ranks that we, the students, can do no wrong, we must always be right!

It is disappointing to me to find that our President Mr. Dick G. Wood, was one of the students - cum-law-breakers; guilty of trespass, nuisance and resisting the police in the execution of their duty; involved in the incident "held in the Political Studies Dept." last Tuesday week. It would appear as though he is trying to build himself a police record before he departs from these precincts.

Mr. Mandle's action, as a servant of the University, the owners of our "own campus", was perfectly within his rights in requesting police to remove the trespassers who were disturbing his right to enjoyment of occupation of the property and thereby causing a nuisance. I am afraid I have no sympathy for the esteemed "Mr. Richard Northey" or his friends - I wonder if his father has - who refused to leave when requested by the police, thus putting themselves further in the wrong, if this was/is possible, and then crying "brutality" the moment

the police begin their duty to remove them from the premises.

I regret I cannot give a first-hand account of the alleged mishandling or mis-kicking of Mr. Northey or friends, but in the light of the two conflicting accounts I have read it would appear to be grossly overrated. The police were perfectly right in using the force they did to evict these law-breakers.

I have no doubt that these students well deserved, in fact asked for, the treatment they received and it is a pity that they should then make a purely emotional appeal to the student body for support: I hope every student will give their support to a worthy principle."

I am sure, Mr. President, that every student would be only too glad to give their support to a worthy principle, but not to your irresponsible law-breaking.

Don Thomas.

## FURTHER EXTENSION OF LIBRARY HOURS

Having already opened longer on Saturday mornings from the beginning of the first term this year, as well as staying open longer during the May vacation, the Library will be open all day on Saturdays from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. after Mid-Term Break, during term-time, until Finals in November.

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## Crime and Punishment

You ever been out on the Waiboitha River with your mate, sitting in your out-board, your rods dangling in the stream, the fresh air slapping your faces, and the water crackling below you like cellophane paper? If you ain't been, mate, you oughta. 'Cause that's where all the great thoughts ever thought are thunk. Remember old Isaak Walton? And Archimedes? Well, I admit he preferred the bath, but I bet he wished he was out there all the same, fishing with his mate in the Aegean.

Well, to get back to what I was saying... while I was out there on the water with the old motor stopped, me clobber, he says to me:

"Noel, ol' boy, waddya think about all these guys going round lately and raping all these sheilas?"

"Well, Jed," answers I, "I think it's disgusting. And you know what? Them blinkin' judges ain't worth a half-dollar the lot. Worried all the time 'bout the guy what raped her, and not caring a hoot about the poor sheila what's been raped! Give the fella a few years in the clink, and he's out again having another one on again in no time!

"I dunno about that, ol' boy. The guy's a human bein' after all. We've gotta give him a chance to make good. Them judges know they can't keep him locked up for ever."

"Why not? I meanta say, he's proved he's no good in society, so he should be put away for good. How'd you like him out in a few years, raping your little Sally?"

"Well, Noel, ol' boy, I wouldn't like him doing that. In face, I'd get mighty mad if he did, and I'd probably try and get him put away for ever, like you say. But after a while, I'd reckon, give the guy a fair go. I've done some pretty funny things when I've been boozed up too. True.



I've never been gone and raped a sheila --"

"The ol' lady wouldn't like that, would she, eh?"

"Too right she wouldn't. But, as I says, I can understand blokes getting to such a stage where they dunno what they're doin', and the sheila's egged them on a bit, and before you can say 'Down trou', she's been raped. And the judge's up there on the bench, wig and all, saying, the lecherous old geyser, 'There but for the grace of God...'"

"That's the trouble with you, Jed. You've been reading all those half-pie experts spouting on about how the poor guy's nuts or it all started off back when his ol' man gave him a thrashin' for pinchin' the bearings out of the V8 and usin' them for marbles! That's just what those experts got nothing of - marbles! Too soft by half, that's what they are."

"Yeah, but if you're goin' to get the guy outa the way, why don't you hang him and be done with it, instead of wasting 800 quid and a ton of porridge a year on keeping him stuck up in a cell all the time. After all, it's you and me, the taxpayers, what have to cough up to keep him in there."

"Maybe you're right. Maybe we should polish him

off for ever."

"Bit tough if he's just a kid of seventeen, isn't it? To get strung up or chucked in jail for the rest of his natural, maybe for fifty years? See, the most they can give him now is fourteen, but usually they give him about seven years. Gives the prison crowd a chance to put him on the straight and narrow, and it usually works, what's more."

"I still reckon that if the judge gives the guy a light sentence, the prosecutor should be able to get the Court of Appeal to give him a decent stretch, the guy, not the prosecutor, that is... especially if it's a young girl that's involved."

"From what I've heard, the blokes in the Court of Appeal aren't too keen on doing that. After all, they're paid to use their heads and not be swayed by the shouts of the rabble, that's blokes like you. Anyway, you know it was the rabble what hung, drew and quartered witches not so very long ago. There's lotsa things we jokers haven't a clue about. Every man to his own trade. Take all this hullabaloo about rape. What's rape anyway? Same as what you do with your wife, 'cept that the sheila say's she's unwilling later. Get half a dozen juicy rapes, and all the flippin' mothers of ten are up in arms, yellin' for floggin' or castration! What about all the shickered drivers round town on a Saturday night, crashin' up their bombs and gettin' themselves and others killed, eh? Is rape any worse than that? At least the sheila's still alive..."

"I reckon the drunken drivin' bit's a red herring anyway, Jed. Talkin' about herrings, I reckon I've gotta bite... Looks like a big 'un..."

"You oughta get ten years for torturing a poor innocent fish, Noel, ol' boy...."

D. Vaver

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# AUCK'S ABSENCE ANGERS

N.Z.S.P.A. Reporter  
Malcolm Grover

The Auckland University executive has opened itself to withering criticisms of irresponsibility over non-attendance of the Student Leaders' Seminar held at Waikato in the weekend of 18-19 June. There seems no valid reason why no representative of A.U. was appointed to attend the meeting, except the words of one prominent exec. member, "that there comes a time when one's social life must take precedence over even student's Association affairs." Social 'commitments' and general apathy seem to be the sole reasons for the failure of an Auckland deputation to be formed.

Such action seems hardly

responsible considering every other University sent its president and delegates, and N.Z.U.S.A. was also fully represented. Waikato regards the absence of A.U. as an insult, and justly so. If representation could come from as far afield as Dunedin, surely a two hour drive would not have been too much to expect from Auckland, even if only for the Sunday session.

Courtesy apart, The Waikato press told N.Z.U.S.A. that the president of Massey was at the seminar prepared to negotiate an agreement on the Massquerade affair.

The reputation of Auckland seems likely to be seriously impaired by this discourtesy

and lack of interest in national student affairs exhibited by this

Auckland president, Dick Wood regards the absence as unfortunate. He was himself unable to attend because of social obligations and family business, and did not, he said, 'wish to twist the arm of any exec. member to attend.' Lack of interest was indeed the main factor involved. It is to be hoped that in future, exec. adopts a more inspiring attitude in its relations with other Universities.

## Archivist Goes



Recently awarded a Fellowship to study English at New Brunswick (the oldest University in Canada), Chris Gordon-Craig was Craccum's senior staff member by length of service.

Although sometimes mistaken for part of the office fittings, Chris was a former Chairman of Publications Committee, a past President of Literary Society, member of two Stud. Ass. Execs. and had represented Craccum at NZUSA Press Council. As Chairman of the Kiwi Editorial Committee he had helped reestablish our annual magazine, and as Honorary Archivist to Stud. Ass. did much to arouse interest in the history and traditions of A.U. (Incidentally, the N.B.'s publication, The Brunswickian, is the oldest weekly newspaper owned by Canadian students.) Chris has been of considerable value on Craccum, we wish him well in his endeavours overseas.

— Ed.  
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## STUDENTS TO

## FORM PARTY

The Civic Action Party, aiming to encourage and promote young people as candidates for municipal elections in the Auckland regional district is seeking official status as a political party.

The Party is to submit a draft constitution to a public meeting held on the campus within three weeks.

If the constitution is approved by a majority of the meeting the group, which put forward four independent candidates for the Auckland City Council and Regional Authority elections last year, and received a total of 40,000 votes, will become an official political party.

"The aim is to put in a more highly organised chal-

lenge to the octogenarian control of Auckland in coming elections," a member of the steering committee of the party, Mr Noel Anderson, told Craccum.

"The intention is to put up candidates in the 20-30 age group, though anyone over 17 may be a member of the party" Mr Anderson said.

The party is based mainly at present on student membership beyond the campus.

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# DEAR OSHIFER...

## Dave Fleming on Letters to the Traffic Dept.

What with the parking situation around Varsity being so impossible, you are pretty well, certain to cop a few "tickets" in the course of the year. Now, it is well known that a delicately phrased letter of explanation is going to stand you a fair chance of getting off such annoying inconveniences. Following its policy of being of the greatest possible benefit to the greatest possible number of people, "Craccum" presents here a representative selection of evasive letters. One of these should fit your case.

This method has been known to work, though it is recommended only to those who have no scruples whatsoever. First remove the ticket from your car, screw it up and throw it away. Then mail the following letter.

Dear Sir,

On returning to my car last night I found a thin strip of pinkish paper gummed to my driver's window. It would appear that I had received a traffic offence notice but unfortunately some person, or perhaps a freak gust of wind, had torn it loose. Still, I feel I should write to you and explain. The offence for which the notice would have been served would, I imagine, be that I was parked after 4:30 in Waterloo Quadrant, where, of course, there is "no standing" between this time and six o'clock. I was unavoidably detained after a lecture on a matter of some academic importance, and though I ran all the way to my car, it was a few minutes after the half-hour before I was able to remove it. Consequently I suppose it was for this offence that I got my "ticket". I enclose the relevant information about make of car, licence number, name, address, etc. that would have appeared on the ticket in the hope that this will enable you to sort the matter out. Regretting any inconvenience this circumstance may have caused your department,

I am,  
Yours truly,  
Con V. Densmann

### Condescension sometimes works...

Dear Neil,

I must say I was disappointed to discover, rather distastefully, by means of a "ticket", that your officers have not been adequately briefed. It is, of course, obvious that the man in question failed to recognise my car; he could hardly otherwise act as he did. I suppose technically I was committing a breach of the regulations, but, really, Neil, that is hardly the point. While I know that you will personally see that this does not go any further, it is going to save both of us a lot of bother if you would make it quite clear to your staff that my car enjoys, as it were, special status. After all, Neil, there aren't too many of that make around, are there? There really is no excuse if this should ever happen again. I don't wish to appear overbearing, Neil, but you must realise that my time is valuable. Thank you for your continued co-operation

Yours sincerely,  
Robert.

### It sometimes pays to swallow your pride...

Dear Sirs,

The feeling that seems so unfortunately prevalent among many of my acquaintances, namely that the traffic officer is an enemy to be despised and if possible outwitted, is not one with which I find myself in accord. On the contrary, I have always been aware of the importance of an efficiently run traffic control system and the stringent enforcement of the traffic regulations in order to ensure that efficiency.

I have erred. This I do not deny. As your officer has so

correctly and punctiliously observed, my vehicle did occupy a metred space for a period fully one minute longer than that permitted by law. For this the law prescribes a penalty; I am making no evasion. While I am aware that not all traffic offence notices are followed automatically by prosecution, I am not trying to claim any special privilege. The law will have its course.

Eagerly awaiting your summons,

I am  
Yours very faithfully,  
George Wilder.

### A touch of novelty goes down well...

My dear sir,

Yesterday I got a "ticket" from one of your officers. This was unfortunate. But I am sure you will agree that I am not to be blamed. You see, what happened was this. I parked my car, which is a 1952 Popular, blue and very nice, with a current warrant, and the upholstery is almost new or newish, anyway, in a metre. Before leaving home I had carefully made sure I had a threepence with me, you see I was only buying a left ski-boot and I thought that half an hour would be enough. The whole trouble was that as I was about to put my little threepence in the slot on the metre, it somehow slipped from my fingers. And then it rolled down the gutter and fell into a drain.

Seeing this was the only threepence I had with me, I thought I had better get it back. I hadn't heard any splash so I thought



I would be able to go down the drain and get my money back. This is what I did. I lifted off the grating and climbed down to the bottom, luckily it wasn't very deep. Actually it took longer than I thought to find my threepence, since there wasn't very much light and I was wrong about the water. But I found it in the end, I know it was mine because of the date being the same which was 1954.

So I climbed back out of the drain which wasn't as difficult as you might have thought as you will find out if you ever try it. Unfortunately while I was down there getting my metre money your man had come and put one of those pink sort of "tickets" on my car. Well, you would be able to see that I was a bit upset and in fact I still am because I don't think I really did anything wrong and I don't think I should have to pay any fines or money or anything like that, do you? So that is what I have to say.

Yours very truly,  
Jazzbo Fluff.

### In view of recent happenings, you might like to try this type of thing...

Dear Sir,

Offence necessary in pursuance important investigation possibly unfriendly aliens. Kindly drop matter interests national security. Regards.

Gilbert.



# VIET NAM

The purpose of western involvement in Viet Nam is, we are told, to save South Viet Nam from Communism. The purpose of this article is to examine the tactics of the 200 million dollar per month rescue operation.

Traditional guerilla warfare comprises four stages of development; guerilla war; protracted war; mobile war; the general offensive. The first stage is essentially preparatory, involving the infiltration and control of village administration, the formation of local part-time troops, and general nuisance activities. When a greater control of outlying villages and towns is established the guerilla force acquires the character of a regular army with the tasks of disrupting central government administration and dispersing government troops on expanded security operations, as well as building up supplies. This phase is conducted to gain time and supplies before the mobile war. The third phase marks a transition from an active resistance to a large scale offensive involving regular units at least divisional size. The final stage, the general offensive, is conventional war on a nationally co-ordinated scale by well armed, well equipped regulars seeking a Dien Bien Phu.

In the space of a year the anti government forces have passed from a guerilla to a mobile role. American forces report the existence of at least five and possibly eight North Vietnamese Divisional H.Q.s, indicating the presence of between 30,000 and 50,000 regular northern troops. About 4,000 northern soldiers per month are believed to be joining Viet Cong units. The discovery by U.S. forces on May 2nd of a large rebel base camp incorporating a 16 room hospital complex is an indication of the mobile phase.

It is useful at this point to examine the basic needs of forces entering the mobile phase for only by depriving them of these can opposing forces lay the basis of success. These are enumerated below:

- (1) Favourable Terrain.
- (2) Discontent among the general population.
- (3) Heavy Weapons.
- (4) Secure and well provided bases.
- (5) Supply and Communication routes.
- (6) Support from adjoining countries.

The traditional guerilla terrain is mountainous and/or jungle, as in the Central Vietnamese Highlands where most of the major actions in the last year have taken place. The Americans are overcoming the Viet Cong geographical advantage by jungle training and the widespread use of aircraft, particularly helicopters, 2,000 of which are at present operational in South Viet Nam. They are not however overcoming the problem of local civilian discontent.

Strong central control which must be established and maintained in areas of guerilla activity relies to a great extent on the co-operation of its uncommitted civilian population. The Ky regime has not been having much success in this department. It has acquired a reputation for duplicity, religious discrimination, brutality and viciousness far exceeding that of the late Ngo Din Diem, and general inefficiency.

The United States could bolster Ky militarily, in which case it will be held in the same low regard as its protege, or it could leave Ky to grapple with his own internal problems. I suspect America will take the first course. What is less certain is whether it can support him long enough to dispose of the Viet Cong and North Vietnamese troops. The present moves for an elected civilian government can only be construed as a breathing space before the repression of the dissident Buddhists. The plan for electing civilians is militarily impractical and largely hypothetical.

## OF TACTICS

Revolutionary forces weapons are puny in comparison with American but are effectively used. Lt Colonel J.W. Ardagh of the 3rd New Zealand Field Ambulance reported on the 6th May that U.S. casualties were the result mainly of rifle fire and improvised mines. The Viet Cong have also used mortars on occasions but do not appear to have heavy equipment. American and government forces on the other hand are using napalm, phosphorous, and other sophisticated weapons as well as rockets and conventional bombs to soften up enemy positions before infantry attacks. They have had some substantial successes.

The main route for logistic supply and communication between North Viet Nam and the rebel troops is the Ho Chi Minh Trail extending from the Mu Gai Pass in the North through Laos and Cambodia to a point on the Da Ha river boundary between Cambodia and South Viet Nam. On April 26th an intensive bombing raid by B52's blocked off the Northern terminus. Three days later the U.S. 1st Infantry Division located and destroyed the Southern depot on the Da Ha River. Bombing raids in neutral Laos have further disrupted the route in the

most effective strategic operation so far adopted by the United States. Isolation of the Viet Cong followed by massive offensives is the only hope for a military solution.

The bombing of North Viet Nam is part of the process of isolation of the guerillas who need a source of external supply to survive. The extent of U.S. bombing can be judged from the number of casualties amongst pilots operating over North Viet Nam - 250 killed within a year and an unreported number missing.

Industrial and agricultural regions have been strafed and bombed with consequent disruption of the Northern economy and considerable civilian casualties. Mr McNamara U.S. Secretary for Defence on May 3rd ruled out "for the time being" the proposed bombing of the Northern port of Haiphong and the Hanoi Industrial complex. The United States apparently hopes that it can so seriously rupture the Northern economy that Ho Chi Minh will have neither the equipment nor the inclination to assist the revolutionaries in the South. At present the Hanoi government treats the bomb attacks more as incentives and justification for additional aid than as deterrents.

The great numbers of American planes involved in activities against North Viet Nam (e.g. on 13th May alone B52's made 135 bomb missions) creates risks of Chinese involvement beyond its present essentially back-slapping role. The triple - sonic speeds at which the American jets fly create the danger of inadvertent violation of Chinese air space. Such an incident in fact occurred on May 13th when 3 Phantom F4c bomber - fighters and an RB66 radar jamming

jet crossed the border and shot down a Chinese Mig 17 at Makwan. With the onset of the monsoon U.S. aerial activity will be limited.

It was believed by U.S. forces that the monsoon season gave the enemy a considerable advantage throughout its five month duration. This is not so as

## A QUESTION

the Americans are pleased to observe. Although the season itself lasts five months not all parts of the country are affected simultaneously. Moreover it restricts Viet Cong logistic supply as much as it reduces American Mobility. Aerial activity is the most affected although helicopters can operate almost normally. The result is that though the Viet Cong will have some advantage it won't be anything that a further 20,000 G.I.s couldn't handle.

The recent addition of about 20,000 G.I.s brings the American total in Viet Nam to 285,000. ANZAC and South Korean troops amount to just under 30,000. South Government troops number about a half million. Opposing these are between five and eight divisions of regular North Vietnamese troops (i.e. between 30,000 and 50,000 men) and an estimated 60,000 Viet Cong. The numerical and arms advantage of U.S. troops has led to some major victories in recent months e.g. at Bong Son between the months of January and the end of March this year American troops including the U.S. 1st Air Cavalry Division killed 1342 Viet Cong and took 633 suspects prisoner. The actual cost to the U.S. forces is not known as U.S. losses were described, as always, "light to moderate".

The question now is whether America is justified in its belief that it can secure more than a temporary military success. The answer I think is that though basic tactics are sound they will have to be applied on a much larger and wider scale than at present, a sobering conclusion when it is considered that America has increased its V.- Force by 235,000 in the last year. The need for radical escalation in the pursuit of a military victory can not have escaped U.S. military advisers. This leads me to believe that the number of G.I.s in South Viet Nam by this time next year may well be in the vicinity of a million, that the government will be a secure military regime ruthlessly entrenched, that U.S. action against North Viet Nam itself will have attained the character of a major war.

Though such action may eventually secure a military victory it will leave the U.S.A. the most feared and distrusted power in the Asian hemisphere.

Already American integrity and prestige is disappearing. Demonstrably false reports about the use of napalm and phosphorous, the violation of Laotian and Cambodian neutrality, violent attacks on North Vietnamese civilian villages, intrusion into Chinese-air-space, support for a harsh and unpopular military regime, all these show the inexorable drift towards the ancient Roman sneer "Oderint dum Metuant."

N.C. Anderson



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arts page

## literary workshop

Poetry - read aloud - by the writer - before an audience. Perhaps I am not alone in feeling that this is how poetry should be presented, and perhaps also, I am not alone in welcoming the development of a "movement" (call it what you will) which provides a platform and a focal point for activities of this kind.

Four shillings would have got you sitting room in the Barry Lett Galleries of Victoria Street West on the 29th of June. Were you a Remuera matron, an inebriated raver, a distinguished academic, or the granddaddy of all phonies, you needn't have felt alone. The company was as classless as some of the poetry. You would have listened with varying attentiveness to about four hours of poetry and you would have come away with the cramp and the conviction that there is interest in and a need for an organised forum of this type. What you would have thought of the poetry itself is anybody's guess, but you would probably have been prepared to undergo the experience again.

Mr David Mitchell, himself one of the most promising poets in this city, and the organiser of "The Capricorn Literary Workshop" could be termed the midwife to an operation of only limited success - the infant was stillborn but the mother survived.

The menu, headed "An evening of original and recent poetry" consisted of readings by Charles Doyle, C.K. Stead, Hone Tuwhare, Mark Young, Hilaire Kirkland, Francis Pound, Owen Morgan, Roger Mitchell and Lieutenant Patterson. This is evidence that Mr Mitchell intends to allow "Capricorn" to serve the important purpose of giving a hearing to poets both recognised and unrecognised, and of keeping a balance between mature literary achievement and youthful experimentation.

Particularly impressive among the younger exponents was Francis Pound who showed that his belief that the physical world held "poetry

of unknowable and disquieting significance" was pivotal to his reality. The words he put in the mouth of a failed and dying architect rang true: "I brushed through life like a dream through dark."

Hone Tuwhare read from his published work and although one was hoping for something new, his monologue on why he likes working by the doors lost nothing by repetition and entertained well.

Mark Young and Hilaire Kirkland read sincere poetry competently, and justified their inclusion in the programme. Hilaire's poetry seems robustly and sensuously feminine - good stuff all in all.

By way of general criticism, I would say that four hours is far too long a period to sustain the mental effort involved in grappling with "viva voce" poetry. The inferior poets read for too long and seemed to suffer from the conceited conviction that anything they may write is worth propagating. One might have thought that the time taken by the individual poets would have been directly instead of inversely proportional to their talent. C.K. Stead and Charles Doyle had the unenviable task of reading last to a tired audience - the sobering effect that their economy with words and compression of imagery should have had was thus largely lost.

In conclusion, future readings (which I hope will eventuate) should be shorter and should exclude poets who fail to take account of the basic exigencies of their art - sincerity and economy.

Alec Frame  
Literary Editor

THERE WAS A TIME

THE BEGINNING  
WAS THE WORD

THE BIRD WAS THE WORD

BUT NOW THE WORD IS

THE WORD IS CRAP

## The Sandfly

He had taken his shoes off. His thrusting toes in the loose warm soil and the cuffs of his trousers with dirt. He sat with his knees bowed out and his head seemed attached to the chest which held his head hanging between his legs. Dirty nails etched abstractions tissue thin rug of soil dust shaded by the cathedrals of his arched limbs. An ugly fact focussed onto glaze eyes which sightlessly scrutinized the dust rug. A hopped onto the rug and the motionless body concealed unreasonable energy into a crushing thumb which extinguished the tiny life in a moment. And lifeless, save for the meandering of dirty nails, the figure hung on the earth huge scrawny sandfly emptily and passively waiting for the violent crash of a tremendous thumb to spread its lungs on the dust rug.

A sharp breeze lifted the surrounding plant life and it dropped again. He shivered suddenly and raised his eyes of light was swimming into the tilting haze of encroaching authority. He took a long deep breath and shuddered the air out of his throat. Picking up the rug, with the mashed body of the sandfly mingled with the dust particles, he scattered it into the air with a backhand sweep of his arm. He heaved his proportionate body onto its ridiculously long legs, seizing a shoe and placing it in either hand as he straightened up. Maui's ropes fell down from the soft guarded bush canopy, tying the figure to the ground ferns. But the pleasure of this simple beauty was not mirrored in his black eyes. He turned abruptly, and stepped back onto the soft wide track and padded off through the ferns day's birdsong. His small mouth and black eyes stable as he moved along; Ferns kissed his trousers and he begged him to take their children just a few yards down the track. His voiceless neck tightened.

by Dave Calder

Every so often in Fiordland, tired of standing tall and proud, and wearied by its dawning struggle for the sun, a tree's heart cracks, its knees crumple and it pitches forward on its face. The giant beech beside the stream gave up the struggle when a lanky figure was tottering across the wobbly bridge. It cracked, let out a swishing death howl and plummeted down upon the bridge like a tremendous thud.

He never heard the songs and whispers of the bush, his blind ears did not know the sounds of this place. At the moment he looked up and screamed horror at the thumb. He was crushed red even before the swingbridge broke; his splintered limbs waved silently blue and grotesquely grimed at the bush, and his smashed skull nodded forward as he was black and mangled into the stream. The top of the beech crashed onto the opposite bank. Slowly the pulse of the world quietened.

He stood up and watched his blue red yellow body bubble down through the murk. He made no sound. As he floated off into the darkening woods he heard the last bird sing.

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## POLITICAL OR MENTAL



"The firm establishment of world peace — and a reasonable life for the Soviet people — depends upon the evolution of Russia towards a genuine liberalism".

Recent events point to the existence of other less hopeful alternatives to the emergence of a genuinely liberal order in the U.S.S.R.

Discontent gripped the creative intelligentsia in Russia after Stalin's death, leading to a reaction against growing regimentation and tightened ideological controls in all spheres of cultural life. The revolt against Socialist Realism was acknowledged by Khrushchev and his cultural advisors; they called for "bold quests" but were unsure how far the boldness should go.

### BUM PROMISES

The denunciation of Stalin's cultural policies was mistakenly, though perhaps loosely, interpreted by literary, musical and artistic circles as a promise of freedom. There was a sudden upsurge of student interest in art and literature, though paradoxically the older well-known composers, artists and authors appear unwilling to take full advantage of the official liberalization.

Now it is known that there was a challenge to orthodoxy from certain catered-for circles of unofficial artists. There are the painters who openly challenge the authority of the state, not merely by their unorthodox creative endeavours, but also by their adamant refusal to participate actively in "socialist labour construction". Others such as the recently imprisoned Daniell and Sinyavsky were smuggling out hidden manuscripts for publication abroad. In the Stalinist period, such open defiance would have been punished by years of forced labour in Siberia, if not a shoe and a rope. It appears to have adopted a novel method of dealing with recalcitrant artists and intellectuals.

Valeri Tarsis, now in Britain and deprived of his Soviet citizenship, has described the system in a barely fictionalized account of the author's actual imprisonment in a Soviet insane asylum in 1962 — Ward No. 7.

### CULTURAL WITCH-HUNTS

The sporadic cultural witchhunts of the regime in the years after 1956 have had only temporary effects. The major attack against writers and artists came in 1962 shortly after Khrushchev referred to abstract paintings at the Manezh exhibit as having been "smeared by a donkey's tail". The strength of the unofficial artists was revealed to public view. Some of them hold respectable jobs to conceal their official activity, but there is also another category — those who are completely ostracized from society and classified as "mentally and socially unfit" by the authorities.

Labeled mental cases, the rebel artists and intellectuals are sometimes confined to mental institutions for a period, but also receive a lifetime subsistence pension.

### STUDENTS VICTIMIZED

Political non-conformists are also to be found in the insane asylums. In late 1965 an instance of this policy came to light with the account of four British students who had visited the Soviet Union of the story of Zhenya Belov, a Russian student interpreter. Zhenya was recognized as the very model of a good Communist but gradually he came to believe that the party should be re-organized in such a way as to give free expression to the true feelings and views of the people.

Zhenya wanted these changes to be accomplished constitutionally and legally by the Communist party itself. At a meeting of his branch organization he argued that individual branches should begin discussing topics for the approaching twenty-third Congress. He was immediately suspended from membership, and then wrote to Mr Brezhnev and Mr Kosygin, adding that if he should receive no reply, he proposed to distribute copies of his proposals to the embassies of the Communist countries in Moscow.

Zhenya had told the British students of his ideas. When he disappeared, they discovered that he had been told to report for a medical examination. He did, and he was declared to have gone mad, and put away in a lunatic asylum.

### AMNESTY AGAIN

After the publication of this account, Amnesty International, an organization which has been praised by the Soviet press and radio for its objectivity, initiated a letter-writing campaign on behalf of the incarcerated Russian student. In a letter to Prime Minister Kosygin, Arnold Wesker wrote that it seemed as though "Belov is the victim of the last gasps of a dying Soviet authority which the coming to power of Khrushchev followed by yourself gave us hope to believe was completely dead".

The disposal of critics is relatively common with regimes at both extremes of the political spectrum that fear significant opposition and systematically try to suppress it. One can only hope that the Tarsis and Belov experiences do not signal a return to the dark days of Stalinist tyranny.

Barry Chisholm

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## PUSSY-CHAT

**CASUAL SHOP** - A Quant mood was attempted at the Casual Shop parade in 246 last week. The atmosphere was slow for what should have been a galloping, gyrating, fun parade with belting but loud music! The Beatles, Byrds and co. frustrated in the background. So did I. Features of the parade were trouser suits with bell-bottoms, bell-bottoms and still more bell-bottoms - hasn't anyone heard of "cigarette-legs". Miniskirts were an ugly eight inches above the knee. Colours were claret, grey (mashed with yellow!), white, blue/nigger brown and touches of navy. Materials were flannel, crepe, wool etc. Crochet tops notable. Loved pleats, bordered with petersham; swinging, flaring lines and the elegance of long, slim-cut designs. Rubbish the geometric patterns. Ear-things projected, fantastic and frank, very plastic tiddly-winks in triangles. White patent lace-up shoes and chunky oatmeal suede. Models and make-up were superb, hemlines crazy!

**HAIR** - is one of the most criticised aspects of student appearance. Unkept hair is neither the mark of the Intelligentsia nor conducive to comfortable study. Most students plead poverty where hairdressing is required but an estimate from Kays Beauty

Salon (our friends with 10% discount) is below. They suggest overall restyling plus shampoo and set (the works) normally 30/- to you 24/-. Monthly maintenance of your goldilocks (shape and dry) will cost 12/6.

**SHOCKING STOCKINGS** -- one black, one white. Seen as a variation on usual coloured stockings in London. Sickest thing seen around 'Varsity are green and mauve stockings.

**MAKE A SPECTACLE OF YOURSELF** - Don't hide behind those timid, glittery, fly-away frames. Glasses are definitely an accessory. New frames are solid bands of colour, such as definite pink, yellow etc., just as emphatic and more practical would be dark navy or maroon frames, to suit your colouring and wardrobe. Project an image!

**THAT SHOWED 'EM.** - "Varsity" the Cambridge Uni. student paper has won the Daily Mirror Award for the best British student newspaper. Recall last issue when we purred about Suzy Menkes being the first woman editor.

**QUANT BY QUANT** - revolves around fashion but centres on Quant herself. A very

egotistical person, as may be gleaned from the title and obvious in the book. The predominant tone seems to be one of woe; never enough money, no time, extraordinary love-life and the biggest woe of all, launching her shop Bazaar. Quant's only saving factor is her enlightened attitude toward fashion, more of which should have featured in the book. (I didn't really want to know that Alexander Plunket-Green sleeps naked.) One notable quote which is really quite elementary but well said: "Clothes are not only necessary for warmth and decency but are also an essential factor in the delicate art of putting oneself across." Quant admits at not having been the initial force in the big fashion breakaway in the last ten years but claims to have anticipated a mood of fashion to fit pop records, espresso bars, jazz clubs and discotheques. Despite initial opposition she managed with perseverance and flair to create a look that definitely succeeded. Throughout the whole book she exemplifies in a muddy way that fashion should be fun. Quant by Quant is, of course, a book written by Mary Quant M.B.E., the high priestess of the New Look fashion crew in England. Published by Cassells 26/-.

**DEW LIP** - lips should be as shiny and soft as vinyl. Gone is the flat, caky powdered-over look which was never really in anyway.

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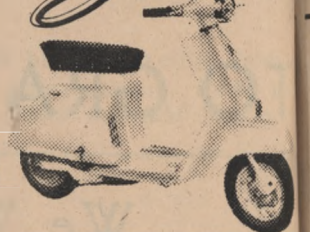
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# BLUES DINNER

## Sporting Facilities Attacked

The annual dinner for the presentation of Auckland University Blues for 1965-1966 was held at the Manhattan on Monday 27 June. Guest speakers were former Auckland captain Bob Graham and Black captain Wilson

Whineray. Bob related a rather amusing story of an oldtimer who said to him a year or two back: "When I played Rugby for Varsity back in 1926 we had no grounds of our own. We used to trek out to the Training College for practice." Bob's

reply: "We still practice at the Training College!"

Wilson Whineray, in proposing the toast to the 1965-1966 Blues, shared a few of the memorable incidents of his All Black tours. Few who were present at the Dinner will forget his account of the elderly Japanese Professor (Black Belt 6 dan) who defeated our New Zealand Captain 24-1 in a "friendly" combat series.

The "Wills" Sportsman of the Year Trophy went to swimmer Tony Graham who will be representing New Zealand at the 1966 Empiad at Jamaica. The Sportsman of the Year Award was won by Tania Cumberland, who has represented A.U. in many sports.

The full list of Blues Certificates presented reads as follows:

<b>Golf</b>	<b>Fencing</b>
R. Callaghan	B. Dorking D. Muller J. Gaudin
<b>Cricket</b>	<b>Men's Hockey</b>
G.S. Thorne	B. Rogers
<b>Water Polo</b>	<b>Women's Hockey</b>
I. Mackintosh	Miss J. Hogg
<b>Swimming</b>	<b>Cross Country</b>
M. Kirby Miss J. Dare	J. Farmer
<b>Athletics</b>	<b>Indoor Basketball</b>
J. Beckett B. Craighead K. Sharkey Miss A. Tong Miss L. Tong	Miss J. Fraser R. Harricks M. Perkinson
<b>Rugby</b>	<b>Yachting</b>
N. Cullimore	R. Duder A. Farr F.B. McNeil

## Athletes Blues

In contrast with the magnificent Presentation Dinner at which A.U. Blues Certificates leaves much to be desired. A N.Z.U. Blue is the highest sporting award which a student can gain from the University - competition for them is keen and a N.Z.U. Blue is notoriously difficult to obtain. It is only right then that the fortunate few who do obtain Blues should be entitled to expect reasonably prompt delivery to them of their N.Z.U. Blues Certificates. But what are the facts:-

forwarded to A.U. Students' Association by N.Z.U.S.U. (b) or they have not been sent on to the students concerned by Studass.

Craccum therefore asks that the Executive of A.U. Students' Association takes the following steps -

1. Clean out its coffers and forward on all Certificates at present held by them.
2. Make official and urgent representations to N.Z.U.-S.U. to obtain all outstanding Certificates.

1. In 1962 and 1964 Athletes Bob Hamilton (1965 N.Z. 880 Champion) and Kim McDell (a 4 mins. 1 sec. miler) were awarded N.Z.U. Blues for Athletics. McDell also obtained a Blue for Cross-Country in 1963. Neither has ever received a Certificate.
2. The Sports Editor of Craccum is in a similar having been awarded Blues in Athletics (1964) and Cross-Country (1965). He recently wrote to the Secretary of N.Z.U. Sports Union asking for a prompt reply. To date none has been received.
3. Some N.Z.U. Blues Certificates have apparently been received by A.U. Students' Association but these have either been filed away or left lying around.
4. Efforts were made by last year's Sports Rep. to get some action from N.Z.U. Sports Union but without success.

It is a fair assumption that most, if not all, of those awarded N.Z.U. Blues in the last four years have not received their Certificates because -

(a) either they were not



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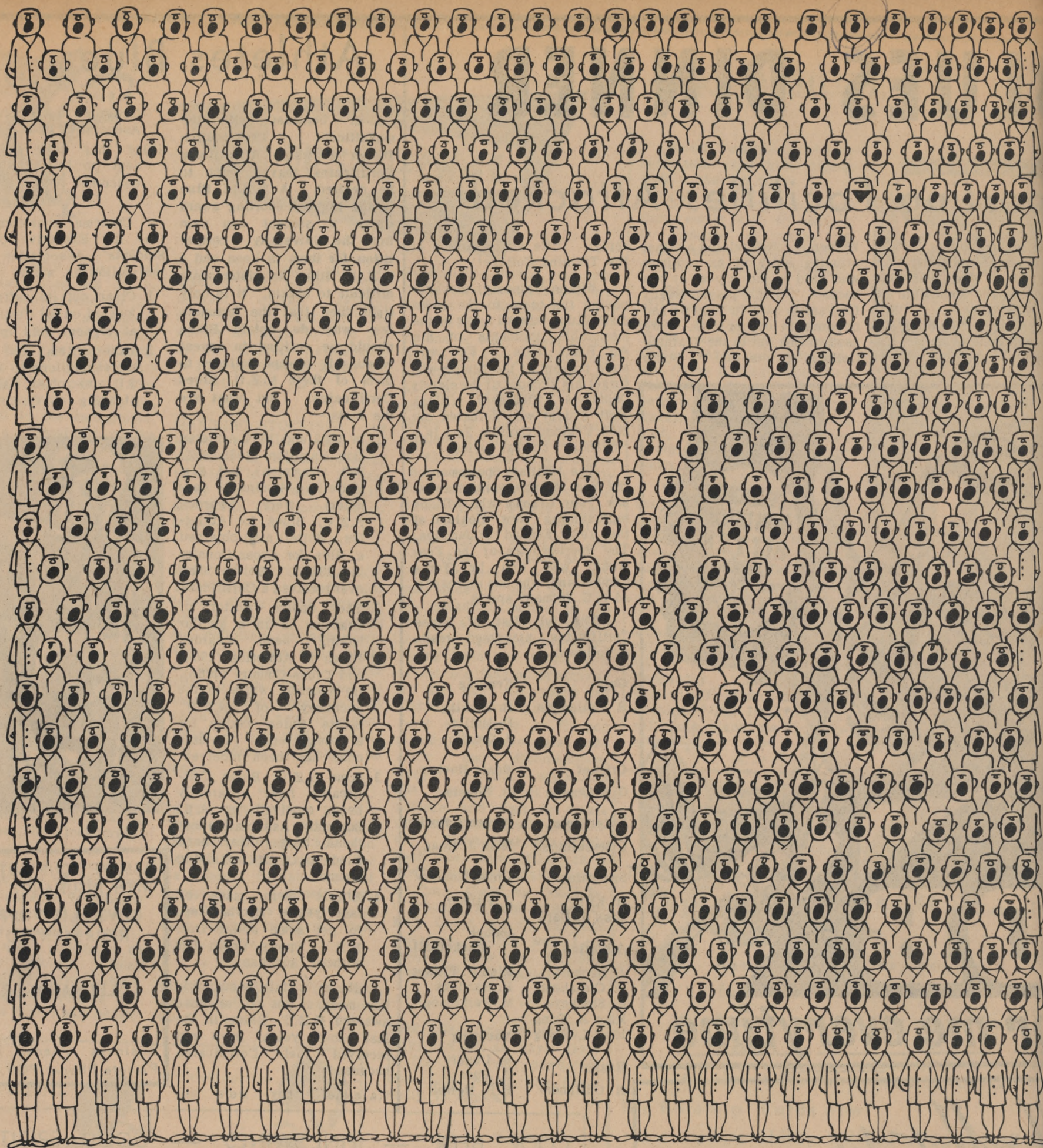
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