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LAW: FUZZIHRBAIDN FORUM FREE SPEEC

The presence of Auckland drug squad detectives on campus is causing concern to Studass President Mike Law and has drawn protests from several students.

Law told the February 25 meeting of the Student Representation Council that Detective-Constable Ray Stapleton, of the local drug squad, had enrolled in the law faculty.

Law said a student who saw him that drug squad detectives had raided his home a few weeks earler but had found nothing. The student told Law that the police officer in charge of the raid had officer in charge of the raid had said as a parting shot "We'll have more information this year about what's happening at the The student was university." concerned about detectives snooping around the campus.

FORUM .

But Law was concerned about other things as well. He told the SRC meeting that it was thought there were "several plainclothes police" at the weekly Forums last year but it had never been possible to confirm this.

"With police there, nobody can talk about whatever they "Forum is he said. supposed to be the place for uninhibited speech. The freedom of speech is being infringed by the

Societies' Rep Jim Stevenson pointed out that police regularly enrolled for the Diploma of Criminology course and "there's nothing you can do about them."

Law said later that seven other students had also complained to him about Stapleton.

Law said a student who saw Stapleton enrolling had complained to him. The student, whom he did not identify, told President may get

The honorarium of Students' Association Presidents may rise from \$600 annually to \$1000 if a report adopted last week by the Student Representation Council is ratified by the March 24 Annual General Meeting of the Association.

The report was presented by a committee convened by Treasurer Tony Falkenstein. It said that the position of President was considered one of high honour and therefore recommended that any payment to the president not be considered as a salary but rather as compensatory for his

The 1969 NZUSA income survey indicated that a second year student earned \$480 over the long vacation and since the president was required in the Studass office over that period the committee thought the President should not be deprived of this money to start the year. It was recommended that the President undertake no more than the equivalent of two Arts units and the loss of bursary would amount ot \$200. The value of the President over and above the work done by Exec members was estimated at \$240 and \$80 expenses were included in the

retain his bursary, then he would SRC chairman Trevor Richards. receive only \$800.

CONDITIONS

Surprisingly, discussion at the the AGM. SRC meeting centred not around the honorarium about which there seemed to be general agreement but around the conditions by which a member of the Association may be eligible to stand for the Presidency

At present, the conditions are that the person be a member and that he shall have been a student at Auckland for at least a year before his nomination. committee wished to add the condition that he also shall have served on a sub-committee of AUSA for a minimum of three months or have served on SRC These latter conditions were defeated but an attempt to have the condition of having to be a student for a year before nomination removed at the next AGM was defeated after long

Should the President wish to discussion by the casting vote of Societics' Rep Jim Stevenson said the matter would still be taken to



Studass President Mike Law

Det. Const. Ray Stapleton excluded

Seventeen Asian students were excluded from the Auckland School of Engineering after they had passed their Intermediate exams, recent meetings of the University Council and the Student Representation Council were told.

Council that the exclusions came committee. about as part of the University's members of the Council objected reported that been said that exclusion measures number would not operate against those dropped to six, who passed thier Intermediate exams. The Council requested then we will really get going, that the students put their warned.

Student representative Bill complaints in writing and referred Rudman told the University the matter to the Deans'

The subject was raised again at clainp-down on overseas student the last SRC meeting by Stephen enrolments. He and other Chan. Studass President Mike Law following because they remembered that at discussions between himself, Bill a Council meeting last year it had Rudman, and Administration, the excluded had been

"If they are not re-admitted,



Stephen Chan

Talk of grass

University.

The president, 2nd year classics student Lester Calder said it was called the Tolerance of Cannabis Society (TocSoc). He said it was hoped to hold discussions and seminars on the weed aimed at giving marijuana to the general public. "It won t be a lot of longhaired students Ponsonby.

The society hopes to establish promoting intelligent discussion a reference library related to figure: on the legialization of marijuana marijuana, to carry out surveys on has been formed at Auckland the penalties given for its use and possession and to provide assistance, where justified, to peoplé on charges involving

Ultimately it hopes to establish a legal assistance fund for such people. Calder is now trying to have the society debates an image more acceptable affiliated to AUSA. Enquiries in the meantime go to 45 Wood St

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The Agnew demonstrations on January 15 and 16 have raised many issues about which much has already been said. This editorial is mainly concerned with the question of police

presence on University property.

Senate lecturers' representatives Denis Taylor and Eric Braithwaite presented a report to the February 16 meeting of the University Council containing allegations from 12 lecturers, five students and four members of the Library staff that police interfered with the movements of staff and students in Old Government House grounds, damaged the flower beds; forcibly removed persons who were in the grounds by right and made persistent threats of arrests to students.

Vice Chancellor Maidment told Council he had written to the police before the demonstrations telling them the University considered the grounds private property and asked them to patrol the Waterloo Quadrant boundary to prevent unauthorized persons entering.

He said "students and staff had a proper right to move about" in the grounds.

In view of the allegations made, it appears on the face of it, that the police exceeded the Vice Chancellor's

But what did our bold Council do?

It pussyfooted-fast! Chancellor Cooper said twice that it was "a delicate and tricky position"—a truly illuminating remark. But it was finally said that the lengthy report had not been submitted in time for Council members to examine it thoroughly and the matter was promptly referred to Council policy committee. This committee met last week and will report to the next Council meeting. Submissions were heard from Messrs Taylor and Braithwaite, Studass President Mike Law and student Council representative Bill Rudman.

But they have only one side of the story.

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SMITH-CORONA PORTABLES

If Council is serious in its desire to preserve the privacy of University grounds, then it must, in all conscience, call for a public inquiry. But there lies the rub. Since events within the grounds arose from events outside, the two cannot be divorced and Council will find itself in the politically inpopular position of calling for a full inquiry into the Agnew demonstrations.

Studass Executive has twice called on Council to take appropriate action over the police activities in University property.

If Council refuses to call for a public inquiry, such a denial of its plain duty would constitute a betrayal of Jniversity autonomy and leave the way open for future encroachment, whether by the police or any other body.

This space provided for armchair REVOLUTIONARIES

It is dismaying after hearing Mr Robin Blackburn to sense that the New Left is carrying within itself the seeds of its own Basically these come from an

for the struggle and that needed the enemy is so clearly defined, depends directly on the strength for victory. The New Left prides itself for its emphasis on action and on the fact that its action is spontaneous and does not result from directives from any party erupt and in a local sphere bear bureaucracy. However the New Left theorists seem to be ignoring that this spontaneity of action arises largely from the fact that

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items published in Craccum during the first two terms only and will be judged during the August holidays. Results will be

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results. As these minor victories accumulate, as the ideology of the discover, and his feeble' presence will no longer be sufficient to give an impetus to action. The New Left as it stands now runs the risk of leading the struggle thus far and no further.

optimism in that it appears to believe that it will be able to do experiences seem to be showing the feasibility of this belief but again the New Left seems to be ignoring the differences between struggle and victory. While the New Left is small the contact with the people so rightly desired is easy-later the contact will have to be through representatives and the politician/elitist group appears

once again.
The New Left should not look for its enemies in regions where they do not lurk-an elite in itself is not necessarily devoid of ideals.

But unless the New Left is sure of its ideals, the ideals it will work to in the new society, it runs the risk, when victory is sure, of finding an elite establishing itself which shows all the familiar loathing of popular movements and returns the situation to entry tends to leave unsightly square one.

The New Left vitality now

of the enemy. This state of affairs is good only for the struggle stage

of the movement towards the new Action can thus spontaneously society. As a source of vitality it will not do in the period after victory. This is the period the New Left must look to and plan capitalist and authoritarian for lest we find the sole means of system is weakened, the enemy is maintaining ideological vigour is going to become harder to the creation of a mythical blue peril exactly paralleling the so-familiar red and yellow perils of today. The people of the New Left must focus their attention beyond the local struggles and minor successes of their fight to Another New Left weakness, ensure that an idealist and in the long term view, must be its populace-conscious elite can emerge to preserve the ideals behind the overall struggle of without organization. Its present mankind for dignity and a due place in society.

(Abridged)

wonder if you would attempt to ensure that the doors to the showers in the Student Union Building remain unlocked all night, particularly at the weekend.

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At the request of Studass President Mike Law, the following statement was given to Craccum from the Vice-Chancellor, Mr K.J. Maidment:

"At its February meeting the University Council asked policy committee to enquire into the sequence of events in the Old Government House grounds on the two evenings of Vice-President Agnew's visit with bread during January, and to examine how best to avoid the danger of a similar situation arising on any future occasion.

heard statements from certain members of the lecturing-staff, as well as from the President of the Students' Association and the Students' Representative on Council. It has also studied written submissions presented to it on behalf of a number of staff members and students. A copy of these submissions has been forwarded to the Assistant Commissioner of Police, Auckland, for his comments; and at the request of the policy committee the Chancellor and Vice-Chancellor will shortly be seeing the Commissioner of Police, Wellington, to take up the matter of the Agnew visit with him personally, and to come to some permanent and satisfactory arrangement for the future arrangement for the future published and prizes awarded regarding the circulation of staff before the third term exams.

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WRITING FROM CURIOUS COVE, CRACCUM REPORTER CHRIS SMITHYMAN REPORTS THAT

The New Society is on

. AT LEAST, HE SAYS, FOR THOSE WHO ATTENDED THE 22nd NZUSA CONGRESS. IT'S THE OUTCOME OF A WELL-INTEGRATED PROGRAMME OF LECTURES, DISCUSSIONS AND FORUMS AROUND THE THEME, THE NEW SOCIETY.

The Congress, held in the last week of January, and attended by 105 students, brought together a wide range of speakers and experiences: from a young Marxist revolutionary to the Deputy-Prime Minister of New Zealand. But a constant source of amazement to speakers and audience alike was the way in which topics overlapped and, as Congress went on, a common frame of reference for the 'New Society' seemed to evolve.

and this cannot hope to capture again in formal and informal that particular quality of a talks. Congress session in which a speaker can switch from abstract theory to commonplace illustration in pursuit of his argument, with the certainty of a challenging discussion to follow.

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Professor Robert Chapman, of Auckland University's Political Studies Dept., led off with a look at the political make-up of the country for the not-to-distant future, and in particular the relation between the dominant political tone of the country and the social structure. Basing his of the 1960s, Professor Chapman argued there is "a general verdict of contentment", with little the New Zealand scene. likelihood of change at the next elections. He related this to what he sees as a subtle change in the social structure-aprocess of "social upgrading" which seems to be leading to tension with the cherished myths of the egalitarian

conceded that our society is still strain of population movement, he is particular the need for more options" at all levels of society. He warned of dangerous areas in society of disadvantaged groups, such as Maoris, old people, descrited or divorced wives.

INDUSTRIAL

A look at the future of industrial relations was the widely-reported offering of Mr E. Isbey, the new Labour M.P. for Grey Lynn. He argued that the 1960s had left a "heritage of dissatisfaction" on both sides-employers and employees-with the old methods of handling industrial disputes. He considers that the move away from the Arbitration Court to mutual agreements means that the 1970s will be a "decade of direct bargaining", although the Court will continue to cater for the smaller and weaker unions. But such developments will require some employers and unions losing habits"-To stop the Government-and to acquire new negotiating skills.

There is a need already for studies of the framework of industrial relations related to the political climate, Mr Isbey stressed. Not only are skilled negotiators with new sorts of qualifications needed, but also a general awareness of the impact of technological change on employment. The introduction of the law, he conluded, to enforce industrial discipline can only be harmful, in reducing the responsibility of the parties really

The assertion that non-violent dissent was "vital" to the future of humanity was a shock to many present, who did not expect so istablishment a figure as the Ombudsman to be so forthright. But Sir Guy Powles' discussion of

have been instrumental in known as modern civilization. bringing about social change, and that the final end of the State is Studies specialist from to provide freedom for the Wellington, looked at the way individual to develop his faculties, institutions become rigid, and lose with the corollary that the only contact with the human society argument on what he sees as real defence of the freedom of they are supposed to serve. In emerging trends from the politics speech is the presence of "an comparison he argued that the informed active public opinion", Sir Guy turned his attention to Cultural Revolution were an

conformist, comprehensively governed and of human beings. regulated society, deferential to an historical search for security Although Professor Chapman ideas, Sir Guy alleged. There is a human beings, and should be needed that our society is still strain of "repressive treated as such. fairly fluid, with a high degree of authoritarianism" revealed in New Zealand's history vis-a-vis truths about the human condition disturbed not only by deficiencies dissenters, which is still reflected at certain stages of social in political philosophy and open in all levels of government, he development, Wellington critic. government, but also by claimed. The "monolithic lecturer, and historian, Conrad shortcomings in the general control" of the communications climate of the country, and in media is a further restraint on the of myths from different cultures claimed. The "monolithic lecturer, and historian, Conrad circulation of alternative there is reflected in some form

> book which, he said, amounted to would seem to reflect different breach of public order, and the society exhibit "increasingly catchall of obstructing a constable violent" tendencies. in the course of duty is like the rights of assembly-somewhat phenomenon was the concern of arbitrary.

> supposedly defends the right of disintegrating effects of the own conscience" dissent preserves such a claim, he argued, but violence only induces authority to repress, and violence can thus be only an unreasoning protest against society itself"

Sir Guy hopes that dissent will move beyond political protest, to Relations between people have what he calls "non- political become depersonalized, modes of occupational dissent", especially behaviour have become rigidified, in fields like science, where the and the cumulative effect of these passing the buck to the Court or practitioners need to exercise processes, Professor Timms greater responsibility over their contended, has been two crait

He concluded with a plea for greater responsibility and critical retreat into the inner self to shut awareness among those who hold out the external world; the other fellow citizens.

That scientists were not to behaviour, i.e. the rebel. blame was the reply of the Professor of Geophysics at and housewives in the suburbs are Victoria University, Wellington, groups where there is a high Dr Evinson contended that the incidence of "alienation". What is scientist as a citizen can be moved required, Professor Timms by conscience, but not in his concluded, is a format of living professional capacity, because the where there is meaningful ethical content of science is participation for all, and in neutral. Quoting the late Bertrand designing future communities Russell to the effect that science there must be as much attention increases men's power for good or to the social environment as to evil, he argued that the confusion the physical. between science and technology has been to the detriment of

science. "The Future of Dissent" must responsibility for pollution or politician, and the diplomatic clearly rank as one of the focal similar world problem at the foot representative of one of the few points of the Congress session, for of science of technology many points raised in his compounds the confusion, Dr wide-ranging look at the field of Evinson pointed out, because the conflict between the individual solutions, and even the problems

Unfortunately only basic man" (man as a member of the the domain of public outlines can be sketched in here, community) were raised time and administration and politics.

Allan Levett on the process of bureaucratisation in modern Basing his argument on the society, James K. Baxter on premises that dissent must be an everything, Conrad Bollinger on act of principle-otherwise it has "The Relevance of Myth", and "no social significance Professor Duncan Timms on the whatever"-, that violence only process of "alienation" in modern invites disaster, that there is an society-all concerned themselves historical struggle between the with aspects of man's (especially individual human and the the individual feeling man) organised man, that "eccentrics" adaption to the environment

> Levett, a sociologist and Asian Chinese experiences in the attempt to buck the "organisation state" by appealing to the 'spirit'

On a slightly different plane, authority, reluctant to debate James K. Baxter, poet, social public issues, and dominated by worker and social critic, argued from his experiences with the has led to a pronounced so-called "misfits" of our social conservative attitude to new system that human beings are still

Myths seem to contain basic the necessary struggle of mankind Sir Guy then attacked a to defeat and control natural number of laws on the statute forces, and differences in degree an attempt to control thought by degrees of success in adjustment law. The law of sedition requires to the environment. But he noted "intent", not an actual that myths generated by modern

The "lonely crowd" Auckland University's Professor Our society, Sir Guy noted, of Sociology, Duncan Timms. The "the ultimate sanctity of a man's comparatively recent, historically Non-violent speaking, processes of urbanization, industrialization, and bureaucratization on traditional cultures have led to the decline of "human values". which are more related to village community existence, he argued. conditions-"self-alienation" and "social alienation". The one is power over the rights of their is deliberate rejection of what seems to be an imposed form of

Old people in modern cities.

The political potential of the New Society' was mined by a revolutionary theorist, Furthermore, laying the conservative office-holding 'New Societies' actually attempted.

NEW LEFT

Star billing at Congress was conscience and "the organisation themselves, are as much within filled by Robin Blackburn, the



Robin Blackburn at Congress

radical English sociologist, New Left ideologue and activist. He outlined the shaping forces of the post-World War II situation in Europe which led to the emergence of the New Left: the paralysis of the old non-communist Left; the international ramifications of the Cold War; the progressive unveiling of the real meaning of the Chinese Revolution-"the explosive power of the idea of humanity"-and the development of the meaning of liberation in the Third World revolutions.

The last of these gave real impetus to the evolution of the New Left critiques. New analyses of society were needed, and the great variation in social and historical conditions of the revolutions left room for creative attempts and models. But we must be reconciled to the idea of revolutionary change, Blackburn urged, for, even though in British society the "national tradition is overprotected against revolutions", all previous experience suggests that history advances in a "discontinuous fashion", and that from time to time there is "a harsh settling of accounts".

The New Left critique of advanced societies and the international capitalist economy has evolved along essentially Marxist-Leninist Blackburn demonstrated. And it came as a "shock" to the New Left theorists, having been primarily concerned with the evolution of Third World forces, to find on turning again to the advanced capitalist countries that features of the classical capitalist structure exposed by Marx, such as the class struggle, still persisted in spite of such things as the "education and welfare system". In essence all that the prevailing capitalist order has done is to any attempts to introduce an alternative mode of society by making apparent concessions to dissident groups. But the relations of production and social relations remain essentially unchanged.

The New Left, said Blackburn. represents at present "relatively amorphous social forces", lacking formal organisation, and concentrating on minor social areas. Its particular quality comes from its orientation toward youth, and, ipso facto, its dissociation from older left-wing organisations. It looks particularly students as a social force produced by the system which, in giving them the skills necessary to maintain the system, also provides them with the means to see through it, and, in the process, "re-invent social relations"

DIRECT ACTION

In following its revolutionary models, the New Left is more concerned with direct action than the theorising of the old Left, Blackburn said. He defined the "revolution" as "good for itself, apart from the results", using the criterion that ideas should "partake of the means", i.e. that "liberation" can be achieved by participating in the process of achieving something, not just in the end itself. It follows from this that the revolution must be "permanent", "not a once forever

Tactically the New Left looks to a "strategic majority" of activists to seize the initiative in demanding participation in institutional decision-making. Any "backlash" is to be exploited to win wider support by exposing the repressive authoritarianism of established society. But the basic thesis of the New Left, Blackburn said, is that only in the release of the collective mass of the people to do something can anything be done, and not by delegating authority to a panel of experts.

However, it was clear these sentiments were not shared by the Deputy-Prime Minister, the Hon. John Marshall. His pacan of praise to the National Development Council revealed clearly his confidence in entrusting the future to a very select panel of experts. Apart from its significance in terms of economic planning, Mr Marshall stressed the awareness of a growing consciousness of co-operation and co-ordination of various interests.

Growth, targets, better use of resources, increased production relative to scarcity of markets, and the expansion of certain areas economy, notably manufacturing and mineral exploitation, were detailed by Mr Marshall. Noting that N.D.C. had projected 315,000 more jobs in 1969, mostly in the skilled sectors, Mr Marshall said that some consideration had been given to social consequences of economic 'restructuring'. Urbanisation, concentrating on the northern North Island; housing redistribution; adjustments in family life related to changes in the composition of the work force; and changing patterns of values and behaviour with rising incomes were mentioned.

At the same time Mr Marshall considered that further redistribution of income is not needed to preserve our "egalitarian society", as the tax burden is distributed equitably enough already. To complaints of oppressive "commercialism" destroying the "quality of life" in this country, Mr Marshall said he was opposed to "widespread controls" that might be harmful to the "competitive system". As for ethnic minorities in the community, their integration into the prevailing system has "an inevitability about it."

FAKE

Evgeny Pozdnyakov's analysis of the 'New Society' bore some

resemblances to Blackburn's New Left critique, in that both drew on the Marxist-Leninist canon. But while Blackburn considered that the socialist society of Russia to be "a pathetic fake, if not a terrible fake at times", Pozdnyakov contended that the 1917 Revolution had achieved the 'New Society', although the process of building the society still continued.

The answers the First Secretary of the Soviety Legation gave to questions were far more revealing. The building of the 'New Society' justifies the suppression of people like writers and 'liberals', who are classed among those who dissent for the sake of dissenting, and furthermore such suppression is justifiable because of the latent power of the old society and traditions to thwart the "new movement".

Likewise, Czechoslovakia must be seen in the perspective of the historical conflict between the 'New Society' and the West.
''Peaceful co-existence'' with capitalist society, Mr Pozdnyakov said, is possible "if it does not interfere with the progressive development of humanity" Although the new socialist way of life must evolve from the historical and cultural background of each country-and Dubcek's Czechoslovakia was not evidence of "liberal ideas" so far as socialism was concerned, Mr Pozdnyakov commented the socialist movement cannot be allowed to be crushed.

"The right of dissent", the Secretary continued, was a right fought for by the working class movement of Europe, as a part of the common struggle for the 'new society', but "dissenters are with the past, not with the future Left-wing dissenters are part of the historical process in capitalist society, but not in a socialist

Ouestioned as to whether great salary differentials and the formation of clites were attributes of socialist society, Mr Pozdnyakov revealed that the criterion of the first was from each according to his abilities, to each according to his work for the socialist society', and of the second that Marx had said that in the transitional period to a truly socialist society there would still be inequality. He concluded by pointing out that the Soviet Union was approaching the stage when they would be able to dispense with salaries.

Ian Johnstone, N.Z.B.C. current affairs front-man, in a witty and informed discussion of the role of the electronic media. picked up themes of several earlier speakers. His charge that broadcasting in this country was open to the world-wide phenomenon of "trivialization"

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Blackburn was a bloody have

B28 was packed. Mainly students of every political creed but also quite a few of the older Labour Party supporters and the odd Communist Party man were there. The atmosphere was expectant, eager. As Robin Blackburn sauntered down the aisle, strains of "Keep the Red Flag Flying" burst out which he turned to laughter with a swift quip (unfortunately inaudible to most of the audience).

Blackburn's silvery-grey hair made him look older than his 28 years. Disdaining the use of the inconstant mike, he sat casually on a table and launched into an attempt to define the New Left and gave a brief history of its development.

Listening to him, one got the impression that the New Left was more an attitude of mind than a movement. "You're not a member of the New Left because you pay monthly dues," he said. "You're not defined that easily".

He said the first New Leftist was Bertrand Russell. "When he was well into his 80s he first pronounced the idea of getting outside the old framework. The CND movement in the early 60s was still going very much in the tradition of British middle-class protest. Russell got them less interested in marching and more in trying to do something.

"The sort of thing was mass sit-ins, clogging places up, making attempts to interfere with the operation of nuclear submarines, occupying Government regional

START

Blackburn felt that this was the start of the New Left but he said that it has now spread to embrace Vietnam, the blacks and newly emergent forces like the London squatters.

Much of Blackburn's talk was repetition of his Congress address (reported elsewhere in this issue) but he did elaborate somewhat. The squatters, he said, were an example of the New Left ideal of direct action. occupying empty houses, they were expressing their need for adequate housing and in textbook New Left style relied on the people about them to supply them and for support against the authorities. (Can't imagine the neighbours helping if you occupied a house in Victoria

Blackburn went on to slate the traditional left-wing forces such as the Labour parties, trade unions and Communist parties.

CONTROL

said the increasing bureaucratization of the trade unions in Britain had led to the development of the shop steward movement-another New Left movement. Because the national trade union officials were so out of touch with the men, the latter turned to their local shop stewards who were the ones who negotiated at a local level. Again it was a case of direct action as against words.

interesting fact that of the strikes in Britain, only half were about money. He said the rest were about control of the factory or the worker's environment.

"This is the biggest dividing line between the old Left and the New Left. The old Left has come to accept that managers run factories and principals schools. This concentration of power is what the old Left has come to

"The old Left works within the system. It fights with words, leaflets, meetings and papers. But that is where the old Left stops. The New Left has fewer words and more action.'

He claimed that every activity the New Left chose was always directly related to its goal but as his talk progressed that goal became a little difficult to sec.

It appeared that the New Left wanted to smash capitalism but Blackburn admitted that we all live in a sort of super-capitalist structure from which it is impossible to escape. It is this sort of structure which keeps the buses running or (his example) the planes on time. He seemed to want to smash the capitalist structure which caused a concentration of power and to channel that power back to the

Examples of this he gave were the rioters in Bogside who converted a Coca-Cola factory into a production centre for Molotov cocktails and the French workers who occupied their transistor radio factory and produced radios for all their

This, it appeared, was what he meant when he said revolution was a "meaningful intervention."

PASSIVE

If this sounds a bit like a Welfare State, Blackburn had an answer to that. The Welfare State, he says, was conceived by capitalists as a means of keeping the people passive.

'New Left reformism is a below." reformism from Blackburn's thesis at this point seemed to boil down to the Marxist slogan "All power to the masses'

He ended his half-hour talk by saying that the New Left-to become more effective-must move towards a more coherent analysis of society and form a more coherent organization. "It has got to discover a strategy'

One came away from the talk with a sense of disappointment. Blackburn advanced the Not the disappointment eresting fact that of the strikes associated with listening to some dreary political hack or a man with nothing to back up his arguments. Rather it was disappointment arising from listening to an educated, widely-read man who had failed to follow his arguments through.

For example, if the New Left places action far above words, then what was Blackburn doing touring the country giving speeches?

If the impression he gave was correct-that the New Left is an organic growth arising when a local need is felt-then why call for organization between New Left groups? And if there is organization, what about the inevitable formation of an elite, the plague of every revolution in

Blackburn's answer to the last question was unsatisfactory. He seemed to think that with a New Left revolution an elite just wouldn't appear. Pretty naive.

Again he argued well that the Left was not against the politicians or the big businessmen. They were just as much at the mercy of the capitalist system. "If man was rich, and goes bankrupt, the system smashes him just as effectively as it would any other man." He implied that sincerity, he's not where it's at.

power lay in the system not in the few men at the top. This is quite true but Blackburn unconsciously revealed himself when he used the word 'humanism' at this point. If depersonalization of the power structure is all that's wrong, then is it necessary to smash the whole structure? If it is necessary, why? Blackburn didn't answer these questions.

His much-vaunted ideology seemed to have avoided 19th century nihilism but had stopped short at Marxism of the 1930s. This is nothing new, and while it may be argued that Marxism, like Christianity, has never been tried, this is 1970 and there are no long queues at the soup kitchens any

A revolution is needed but with due respect to Blackburn's



Robin Blackburn

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Robin Blackburn has tried and found wanting the premises on which our kind of society is based. He calls himself a Marxist. He is also, ironically, a relative by descent of William Pember Reeves, perhaps New Zealand's most eminent socialist intellectual, and an architect of our present society.

One challenge to the premises of the system resulted in Robin Blackburn's expulsion from his teaching position at the prestigious London School of Economics. He was accused, and found guilty by the authorities, of "incitement to indiscipline", because he supported the students in their

Craccum reporter Chris Smithyman interviewed Blackburn at the Curious Cove Congress held in January and gives this report.

What about student power movements in Latin America, Eastern Europe, and United States?

The student movement in Latin America is the oldest of the modern student power movements. In 1919 students issued the Cordoba Manifesto, demanded co-gobierno "co-control") of the universities. This movement developed into a more general concern for the independence of the university from the control of the State. Later this combined with a demand over the internal structure of the university, with "co-control" for teachers and students. In turn, these led to more general political demands against foreign control, military rule, poverty, illiteracy, and other social evils".

Today the universities have become "very often sort of liberated areas" which "an armed body of students control". The governments have tried to control

the universities by military

occupation or by closing them down. Just as an example of the "highest point of conflict"

between the students and the government authorities, is the situation in Caracas where aircraft can no longer risk flying over the university in case they get shot at. But entry to Latin American universities is still very restrictive

in terms of the socio-economic backgrounds of the students. They have only really achieved anything by way of open entry in In Eastern Europe the

students have become the focal point of opposition to the regimes. Even in 'liberal' Yugoslavia there is a student power movement. The phenomenon has an "interesting" aspect in that the more liberal the regime, the more likely it is to get a "left-wing opposition" movement, as has developed in Yugoslavia where demands have been made on the authorities in

the name of workers and students.

Throughout Western Europe the United States the and experience of the last three to years has produced relatively small group of students who see themselves as "conscious revolutionaries". They are also Marxists of one sort or another: Maoist or Trotskyite, or a combination of the two. The vast majority of students

are somewhat apart, and probably becoming more apart. Students are a constantly changing group, and the vast mass of students seem to be re-enacting the experiences of recent years as they hadn't been through them. Britain, example in after the upsurge of 1968-carly 1969, they are now reverting to demonstrations, such as against

the Springboks. In the USA, while the S.D.S. (Students for a Democratic where they are isolated through Society) has now split three ways, lack of financial resources, and so but still following some on. Marxist-Leninist line, the "vast mass of students" are going through Moratorium-style

What is the role of existing universities as institutions?

They help continue the power of the ruling class over the rest of society by training the "primary secondary elites" producing ideas which justify the society, and by techniques of control and manipulation which the economy

But there are problems within the existing system. Many people in the universities don't like the "examination factory", or the idea of "prostituting their talents and intelligence to the system'

There is a chance for the universities to become independent centres of critical thought, now that activist politics have shown up the strings tying the institutions into controlling economy.

But the university has its own function with bourgeois society with the training in ideology and the provision of skills for the continuation of the prevailing order of society.

What role can the 'critical university' or the 'anti-university have in the existing situation?

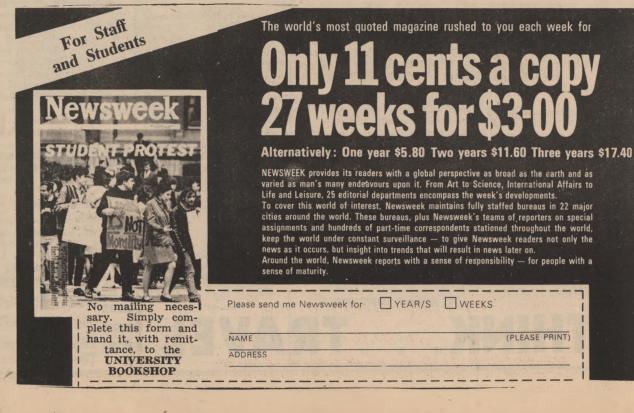
They have only become really important in situations where there is already a struggle with the authorities. They tend to wither

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Paddy Grant and Sherryln Kennedy (14)

Contemporary dance alive and well

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It's the University of Auckland Contemporary Dance Company, formed last year from the existing dance workshop, and only dancers of a very high standard are admitted to it by audition. Heading this new movement is Paddy Grant, a choreographer and former ballet dancer.

Since it began, the company has perfomed widely in Auckland, toured to the NZUSA Arts Festival at Dunedin, took part in the North Shore Festival and will present three nights of dance during Orientation Fortnight.

Beginners wishing to learn contemporary dance must join the workshop classes and then audition for the company. The workshop has capacity for about 14 students.

Information

"Pre-enrolment week must become part of the university year-the place must be going by them." This is the opinion of Student Liaison Officer, John Coster, who has just run the first such "Information Week"-to prepare freshers for varsity before it starts.

From Tuesday February 17 to February 20 a series of six workshops were run, each repeated three times over the four days. The subjects were:— "Mechanics of a university course", "Finance", "City Life", "Students' Association", "Welfare Services", and "Where to Live"

The official university film and tours of the university were also run every day.

received it appears that the tours was the unresponsive atmosphere appreciated part of the course. reminiscent of the unfriendly, Questionnaires will be sent out to impersonal university atmosphere participants again in the second that this course was designed to term to see if the course has been dispel. However smaller groups of long-term value.

The attendance of 300 out of established real communication.

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Coster

2500 freshers points up publicity problem. Another From evaluation sheets so far disappointment for the organisers most consistently of the larger workshops, broke into lively discussion and

For this reason Coster feels groups must remain small-"personal communication is essential". This points up "immense personnel problems" in getting enough staff and students back to varsity early to run this week. But with the increase in numbers, Coster says "it is not a case of whether we should do this-we must"

Craccum

Craccum will be published weekly this year for the first time in its lengthy existence

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Civic hypocrisy

A number of Aucklanders have suddenly sprouted little badges or signs saying "Remember 11.45". Whether most Aucklanders consider this to be foolish or emotional is unimportant. What is significant is that only the most unaware Aucklander would need to ask "What happened at 11.45", or "What date was that?"

The activities of the police during Agnew's visit are well documented and are at least, disturbing. More serious however, have been the reactions and decisons of the so-called civic and national leaders of our community; and of those bastions of freedom - the

On the morning following the police riot the New Zealand Herald's front page reported police "wading" into the demonstrators. Within two days the Herald had quietly forgotten the occasion. It is probable that the editor was in bed when the reporter's story was accepted for Saturday's Herald. If he had seen it the Herald assuredly would have printed a non-report on the numbers arrested.

Conjecture aside, since the Herald alleged that the police were violent, and since the Herald often publicly professes to be free unbiased and honest, two choices were open to the editor. He could either have decided that the published report was untrue and published a retraction; or he could in the interests of a free society have demanded a full and public inquiry into the alleged incidents his paper published.

The Herald has done neither. Is the Herald merely hypocritical or

is it as morally dishonest as the politicians it often criticises?

Before discussing the similar hypocrises of our leaders I would like to mention an incident that occurred just after the Russian invasion of Czecholsovakia. It was during a university vacation and I was told by the then Mayor of Auckland that many citizens and civic leaders were so disturbed that they wished to hold a public demonstration. As President of the local experts on demonstrations I was asked to arrange this. After I refused I was asked how many students could I arrange. On explaining that students were on holiday and hard to contact, I was asked by the same New Zealand Herald how much space I wanted so that I could appeal to students. I refused this offer as well on the grounds that I would have no part in the managing of news through the collusion of civic leaders and the so-called free press, which had channelled many more important issues to a rubbish

Finally the civic leaders took the plunge and Mr McCorquindale, a mayor, took over the organisation. I would like to be charitable about the reasons our civic leaders marched and would like to consider it coincidental that local body elections followed soon after the demonstrations. It was probably the biggest hypocritical mardi-gras Auckland has seen. Leading the march were the clergymen who were vigorously clapped by bystanders. Behind them came not only mayors and councillors but also mayoral candidates and local body candidates and local body candidates, some of whom actually were waving to the crowds lining the streets.

Why were they hypocritical? Well have a look at some of the activities of these councils since the Agnew demonstration. It is agreed that the purpose of the Czechoslovakia demonstration was to protest against the suppression of a people's right to free expression.

Soon after the Agnew visit the Auckland local Bodies' Association, without evidence before them passed a motion fully supporting the actions of the police at 11.45. And the same Mr McCorquindale advocated curfews for demonstrators and suggested that the right of free assembly and dissent should be restricted. Individual borough councils have also passed motions supporting the police without any consideration of the ample evidence available. I am not suggesting that they should have condemned the police on no evidence, but considering the seriousness of the allegations, these individuals who purport to support freedom had only one course open to them: to call for a free and open public inquiry.

There is little point in discussing the deceitful activities of our Prime Minister. They are well documented. His wide general smears are probably the offensive matter he found cast outside his front gate.

As Sir Guy Powles discussed at Curious Cove, our right to dissent, publicly and openly is a fundamental human right. Our society is at the moment glorifying the silent majority. Surely to remain silent all ones life is to abdicate from ones species. It is a form of moral and living suicide. The Cartesian maxim "cogito ergo sum therefore I am", is as true today as then. We are a society of human beings not a cabbage patch.

It would seem however, that the plants are winning. The Auckland Star reported last week that the Mt Eden Borough Council had decided to shun two controversies. It took no action on a request to support a Manapouri petition and would not give permission for a procession from the base of Mt Eden to the summit-an open air church service to protest against apartheid.

We live in a country which has fought wars and is at present excusing mans killings in the name of the right of free assembly. Can a local body refuse citizens the right to organise an orderly and organised public showing of their abhorrence of a racial policy so contrary to the principles these civic leaders profess to believe?

I will remember 11.45, but the more ugly demonstration I cannot forget is the feet and faces of civic leaders who last August used the tragedy of Czechoslovakia to publicly demonstrate their freedom to be free. Did they leave their minds in Oueen Street?

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No good ground, 1

By two members of the liry committe

"On the evidence available to (me), no good grounds have been advanced to warrant a public inquiry (into allegations of excessive police violence in dispersing demonstrators outside the Hotel Intercontinental on the night of January 16, 1970). I was in Auckland with a number of my Cabinet colleagues at the time of the demonstrations and I was impressed by the behaviour, deportment and great restraint shown by the police." Mr Thomson, Minister of Police, reported in the New Zealand Herald, January 21.

O.K., this is in itself justifiable comment, Mr Thomson, but do you really think your viewing of the situation from the Hotel Intercontinental is much of a guarantee of police restraint along Princes St and in Albert Park, not to speak of University grounds? And another point, what is the evidence available to you? And what was your source? Independent observers? Or was it just assurances from senior police officials? There is a legal maxim- nemo judex in causa suaroughly translated as 'no man should be judge in his own cause!. It is a maxim you could do well to consider in circumstances such as these.

Do you honestly believe, Mr Thomson, that if the allegations of police violence are properly founded, that if the police did kick, punch, harass and generally assault, with little or no provocation, demonstrators and bystanders alike, that you are likely to be provided with a detailed and honest account of such assaults by the men who actually committed them, or by their senior officers who either made no attempt to prevent them or were unable to do so?

There is at present circulating in Auckland a pamphlet entitled 11.45 pm January 16 1970, which is essentially a

'sampling of signed statements from over seventy people who were (present at the demonstration) and either experienced or witnessed the police actions.' This pamphlet makes pretty horrific reading for anyone brought up to subscribe to the principles of a democratic society. It also makes nonsense of statements that there is no reliable evidence to justify even the setting up of a public inquiry.

Lack of space prohibits a full reproduction of allegations of police violence and readers are advised to obtain a copy of the pamphlet itself. The most that can be done is to provide in turn a smaller sample representation.

"About seven to ten policemen continued pushing myself and four or five others roughly down to the bandstand and there I was violently pushed across a green park bench, hitting my head as I did so, my money spilling out of my pocket. I turned to the constable and said, "Please let me pick up my money" or words to that effect. By way of reply I was violently punched and pushed some five to ten yards. I turned again to repeat my request, and another policeman came up and kicked me in the base of the spine. I then ran . .

By the bandstand I saw a young man being violently punched in the stomach by a policeman. He sank to the ground retching " Timothy Binnington, land agent and surveyor.

"Without any provocation, one policeman hit me across the right eye with his fist. I fell to the ground and was helped up by another policeman who shoved me violently forward. On all sides, demonstrators were being pushed and kicked along the pavement and road by the police." W.H. Ley,

"By the bandstand, one young man was violently punched in the stomach by a group of three policemen. He had great difficulty in breathing and his friends carried him down the path into Wellesley St." Robert Hutchins, student, idenly dashe

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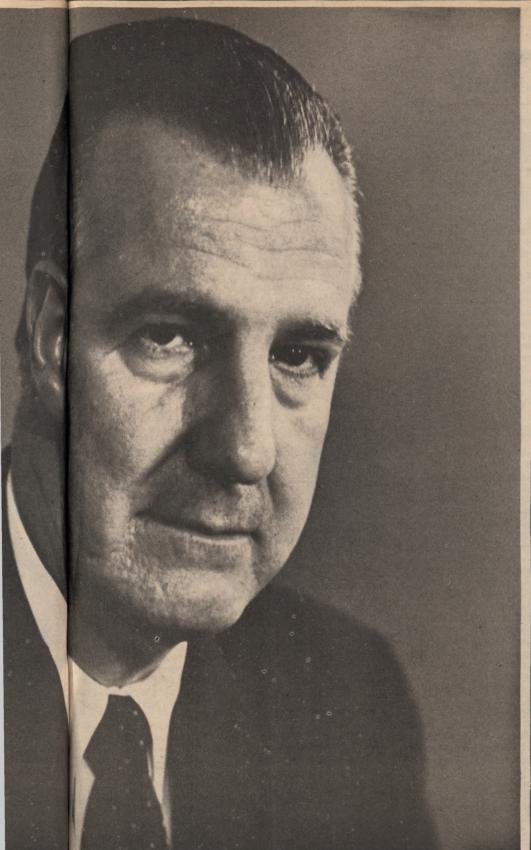
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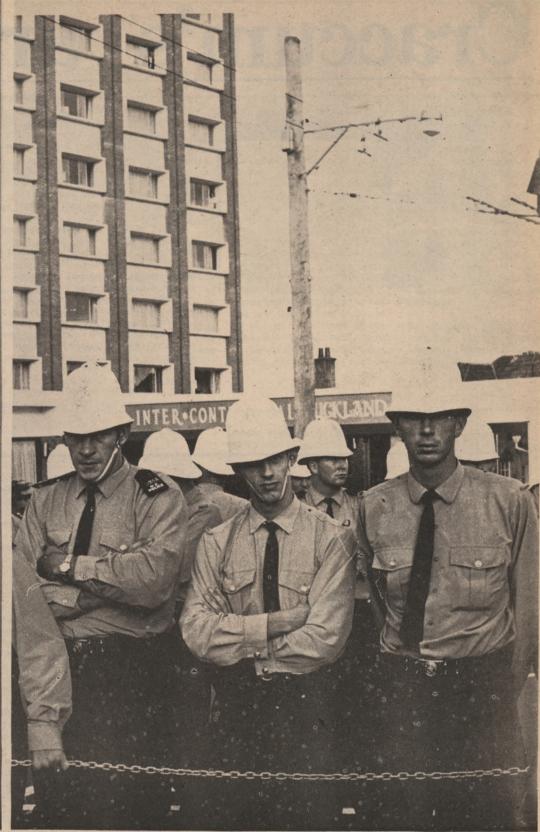
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"People were wandering along the pavement, some othe followin obviously in pain, nearly all bewildered. I also saw a man leport that lying in the gutter; he was evidently in great pain. He told us mater by the that he had been beaten by the police and feared that his jaw activity and was broken or fractured. Barrie Allen, B.A. Law graduate.

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eman move 19. ne crowd. A , so it was contrary to police activity (or don't you orward and police activity as it ought to have been) and doubtless it had not been confirmed. This is hardly surprising. After all, the statement was made two days after the original report in the Herald, and even bearing in mind the lightning speed with which our police force works, there was obviously no time in which the incident could have been thoroughly investigated.

'Any incident in relation to a female wearing a mini-skirt being manhandled by the police is refuted." Scott, reported

in the Herald, January 19. Any incident! This time Mr Scott, not content with rejecting out of hand the alleged incident, makes a point of rejecting all incidents of this nature (and don't forget there were a hell of a lot of girls in mini-skirts). Surely this sort of finding could only be made after the most detailed and penetrating inquiry, but again it came only two days after the initial allegation. The same applies to Scott's denial that his men would intentionally kick demonstrators and bystanders.

It is, we suggest, apparent that white-washing tactics are all that can be reasonably anticipated from a police inquiry. However, what is of even greater concern is not so much the atttitude of Scott and even Thomson, but the fact that the situation seems to have blown itself up into a major politicial issue.

On January 27 the Herald reported the P.M. as saying that he and Cabinet knew before the demonstrations that a demand for a public inquiry into police actions during the visit of the Vice President would be made, and that furthermore he knew the names of those who ould be making such a demand. Needless to say, he declined to name any names, but the point was made: there was a great communist conspiracy afoot, out to undermine law and order. But not to worry: Big Brother Keith had the whole situation in hand. Now it is not particularly unusual for a

politician to make ridiculous statements of this sort. Nor is it unusual for the politician to be the Prime Minister. But what is out of the ordinary is for the Prime Minister to come out with a statement that can so readily be shown up to be utter

The point of interest is: why? Why did he feel it necessary to step in personally to lend support for Thomson's rejection of the public inquiry, and why such a

One reason which immediately commends itself is that the Government is very, very anxious that a public inquiry should not be held.

But why be so hung up about it, Keith? The worst we initially thought would come out was that a couple of dozen cops had lost their heads and had started smashing demonstrators. Or is there something more? Like, where do the American security men come in? Or, could it be that the manner of dispersal was planned in advance?

Two further points from which you can draw your own conclusions: - during the week in which we were collecting statements (and this was before the committee of inquiry was even formed) the telephone in the house in which we were working developed some funny habits. Like loud clicks during conversations, the signal on ringing out (and in) stopping, the sound of the receiver being lifted and then replaced and the line going dead. We have been informed that this is consistent with tapping. Also, respectably dressed men suddenly developed a penchant for sitting in front of our house for hours on end. We went up to photograph one (in a Kingswood station wagon) and were somewhat amazed when the fellow evinced no surprise, but merely tried to hide his face. There could, of course, be nothing in this, but it is quite a coincidence, isn't it?

Craccum's arts



The choice of Susan Chaytor's Landscape IV as winner of the biggest N.Z. Art Award was something of a mild shock, especially so it seemed to critics and reviewers. While not the best choice that could have been made, it was at least one of the best half dozen works in the exhibition. (There may have been, of course, many far better

Of those works in the exhibition I would include as eligible for the prize works by Pat Hanly, Susan Chaytor, Phillip Trusttrum, Ralph Hotere, Brent Wong and Geoff Tune.

Most of the works had landscape subjects dealt with in various ways, making a comparison difficult.

Brent Wong's Wellington Landscape bedecked with elements reminiscent of the past (architectural mouldings and a concrete blockhouse) which assume the shapes of prophetic objects, tending to suppress and overpower the landscape. The clear realism used by Wong enables his elements to become, in a surrealistic manner, real objects with an extension into the abstract. At the same time it is this surrealistic convention which tends to weaken the picture. The awareness of the elemental forces is negated by their presence.

Geoff Tune's Mt Eden Landscape No. 13 acknowledges the point much like Don Binney and this plays an integral part in the success of his work. His landscapes place more emphasis than most on the presence of man. His geometric houses sit noticeably on the landscape and just as he reduces the houses; so also are the land forms and foliage reduced to basic shapes, so that the picture takes on a greater unity, a sympathy is created between the land and houses. While borrowing heavily on N.Z. landscape tradition he is, able to extend it in a valid way to where a relationship exists between landscape the human presence.

Susan Chaytor's landscape is an attempt to capture the e and symbolic quality of landscape (which Colette Rands, Wellington landscapes, has done so much better). It is not, how merely a "piece of well-mannered decoration", as Hamish Keit stated, for it does "evoke a fleeting experience of headland and hill and sky.'

It is not to the discredit of the artist that she has evoked feeling; the quality of the work resides in the abstract symbolis the landscape. The division into four areas further extend abstraction so that the landscape forms, while related, are isolated the artist. This 'simple' painting lacks the depth and intellectual that is found in the work of Patrick Hanly's Headland.

This work, along with others Hanly has been painting for months, indicates a change not merely in the style of this painter but also a change in the attitude of the landscape paint his environment.

His work no longer seeks to express the line and nature of light and land but rather to come to a close, almost of understanding of it. There is an expression of life, of nature, static but as something alive. The quality of the paint itself exp the quality of the landscape.

Eric Westbrook has chosen a picture of hard-edge landscape is traditional in N.Z. painting. He seems to lack an awareness one might see in a work such as Hanly's Headland, a much original and relevant concern-John Daly-Peoples



James K. Baxter

THE ROCK WOMAN by James K. Baxter. Oxford University Press. \$1.70 (Copy from University Book Shop).

There is a despair here from Baxter, a selection of poems which moves uneasily from the pontifical voice of the lapsed religious in suburbia, through the rhetoric of the one bringing definition to the community, to the romantic seeking to regain his soul held in lien by the tragic Muse in debt for the gift of the gab. Yet the work is consistent in each phase, the search for the signs of pity in a time and a locality where art is surface and craft afraid to be more than decorative. There is always the vision of innocence in the experiences which lead to the making of these verbal artefacts. The work is the record of the man's failure to dream a reality-I think of Baxter appearing at our doorway, taking our hands with a gentle bow while he eyed that dismal tenement for signs of beauty and while yet fumbling with his beads to hold out his palm to indicate that he was now our rent-collector. Here in The Rock Woman, the same desperation in the dream and the same shock of the real to destroy wilfully its innocence.

The search for pity led to keeping a bunch of freaks and heads and praying for the policemen who tramped in each morning to a silent time table of their own suspicions. Yet the Muse became erratic, the imitations became more blatant, the celebration of sex collapsed into pornography, the scepticism was relieved by self-pity:

'And if in Paremata you Should find a weta in your shoe, Ugly, hard-shelled, with snapping jaws, A Hitler who has lost his cause, Don't hit it with a shovel-No,

Christen it JIM and let it go. The dereliction of these latter poems has been noted elsewhere, it is the construction of the work which came before that is the concern of The Rock Woman. For the person of these years you should turn Doyle's Small Prophets & No Returns wherein is briefly

documented the character that most likely led Curnow the Old to rail against the 'young Rimbauds' in 1953 (Here & Now). But the themes are in this selection

Poem in the Matukituki Valley impressed the arschold off Old Curnow back in the dark and abysmal time of Penguins but it was rather a pretence than a poem, the sort of thing written in the style of the Elders both to lay them to rest and as the clarion call to a new talent. The embarrassing part of the charade must have been when Campbell took up this soft-romantic attitudinizing and mistook it for a poetics. Some of the lines are silly, 'Remote the land's heart', 'And those who sleep in close bags fitfully'. William Fox's watercolour has more locality in it than these several stanzas of 'mindless ecstasy' and

shoddy prosody. The Svengali here is Yeats through Phoenix w mawkish Holcroft in close attendance-look also at Virginia Lake its 'undestroyed Fantastic Eden of a waking dream' or to Zealand where we are asked to consider 'The rain's choir on cu

If there is so much crap in the Baxter opus, why then should take him seriously? Not simply because there is now an arm me off wri imitators, O'Sullivan, Hunt, Ireland, Johnson, but for these rean nobody good. the liberation of the expressionistic mind and the boldness of man before his verbs. The love lyrics in which the metaphors of the poet himself (and the felicity of 'the geometric patter Prisoner and apparent', a separate discovery of Carlos Williams' 'intersection one act pla loci'). The irregular rimes, the inversions, the pick of words, Orientation primary battle with the way of seeing even before the way saying, 'the pulsation of electronic vigour'; the images have wrote that : improbable moments but are gently accepted.

the religious temper which has personal form in Pig Island Let lot of mone avoiding the cloying aspects of Marianism, and relating them to this place, and to these people:

'Give my love To Vic. He is aware of The albatross. In the Otago storms Carrying spray to salt the landward farms The wind is a drunkard. Whoever can listen Long enough will write again.'

Here is the search for the 'source of our grief'. From making broad with long plaits to the apocalyptic vision rising beyo Japan, from the housewife itchy for Satan to the poet letting the tomcat. Even, one imagines, to Baxter burning his undelive mail in secret Wellington backstreets.

for the grasp of myth in specific locations: The Watch, Rotorua, Henley Pub, his Taieri Mouth to where young po pilgrimed late last year while in Dunedin:

Mandrake coffinless stood And saw the moon stride over The belly of the flood Against the tide's turning.

which achieve a simplicity Lowell missed, where he finds again tragic Muse and the burden of his own work, 'Who will speak epitaph of pity?'

a place for Baxter which would support him, yet not set him about with the mournful task of teaching, so that he may remain amon us. Alan Brunton.

(Copy from University Book Shop).

One of the unavoidable visual images of the sixties was that of the girl with hair swirling; the preferred camera shot was of the hair in frozen motion. In Vincent O'Sullivan's second book of poems, Revenants, the same image of a grey eyed girl with loosened hair appears in poem after poem. But in the photographic shots in magazines the image simply is, it carries no symbolic or psychological burden, whereas in O'Sullivan's work the image of the girl seems to stand as an emblem of the poet's long tussle with his anima. In his poetry we are confronted with woman as Artemis, woman as Medusa, woman as a tiger, woman as a hawk. As Medusa she:

'Sits at the window, waits the threatened steel as any common housewife waits near dark.

This poem counterpoints the central image of The Finest Way where a man and a woman converse about a piece of Greek friezework which depicts a man beheaded by a woman. Oddly, the statuary appears to be more alive than the observers. They will the

'And our only fear, perhaps, she might not strike. 'This way. The finest way!

Her snakes would hiss like life, that thing we dreaded.

'We dread life because it seems to demand 'the necessary blade.' Art seems the more lively because it has refined out the horror; time has been cancelled. Human relationships are not works of art, timeless; they are suspended somewhere under the 'expected blade' Men and women together are subject to the mutability evoked in Fig

Months, our mornings, evenings, spent together. Their seasons teach that after fruit and autumn's burning the rest comes natural as ash.

This agony of mutability though, is natural and inevitable-to deny it is to deny life; to accept is to accept unease:

To move at ease,

deny your nature, lover. Deny you breathe. (And After Love) contrasting image of man beheading woman and woman behead man-the sacrifice at the heart of the human relationship-t Horseplay in Troy functions as a kind of ambiguous fulcrum. poet poses a question:

You ask me for the cruellest of all things?

And then he describes a girl, Helen, the pivot of that ancie slaughter: a tall girl

before a bronze mirror, her hair caught back as wind catches back waves, Then O'Sullivan closes the poem with: Hair and light like tides as she stands tall

Body at ease . . . the necessary blade. We do not know whether she holds the blade as the woman did The Finest Way, or whether the blade hangs over her head as Medusa. Is her body the blade on which the narrator will three

The male, female relationship in these poems is never simple ambiguity hangs over it like a 'streaming sword'. And it is this sen that the poet's relationship with his grey eyed girl does involve sacrifice, that it is archetypal, elevated, which gives a number O'Sullivan's poems their numinous quality. The ambiguity and the reflective nostalgia of Island Bay is particularly impressive. At ih

'Reason walks the plank. We wait for a bus to drive out of the sea.'

Perseus in Medusa has used talk, words, as his magic mirror to avoid being turned to stone. And the opening, dedicatory, poem in this volume is addressed to a girl. I imagine her as grey eyed, 'her hai

The poems too, I suspect, are a magic mirror, invoked to prevent relationship from turning to stone, petrified in time.

In this short review I have not been able to devote the attention which REVENANTS deserves; nor has there been space to commen on the twenty sonnets which won an Australian award i 1967.Russell Halev



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Jean-Luc Godard

- Feminine, the highlight of the Festival film selection is remarkable above all a further step in the development of what critics call Godard's "abstractionist techniques"-little or no plot, mainly a collection of impressions, interviews and images; in this case of Paris in 1965 between two elections. At its most superficial level this method is present, in the film's division into '15 precise actions.

On reflection, the various images may not be as random as they first appear; this visual disconnectedness can be seen as the concrete expression of the characters' own inability to relate to each other.

The implications go much

deeper than the "story" of Paul and Madeleine's relationship, and their relationships with others. Paul signs petitions, scrawls 'Peace in Vietnam' and 'Go home U.S.' on walls and cars. Madeline, and the extremist Mademoiselle 19 (Miss 19), are barely aware of the existence of a war. Here are representations of two totally different concepts of freedom-and much of the film is a discussion of freedom.

To Miss 19 the American way of life signifies freedom; to Robert freedom means emancipation from the bosses, the liberation of the working classes and Vietnam: within one generation Godard perceives irreconcilable extremes-these are

"The Children of Marx and Coca contact with each other, is evident. Even Paul and Madeline that he cannot find. who as individuals are at neither extreme do not succeed in communicating genuinely-for example, the scene where Paul Absence of linear plot, the cuts a record for Madeleine--"Paul calling Madeleine".

But this is only symptomatic of what seems to me to be the crucial point-the characters, especially Paul, cannot relate within their own identities. Despite his petitions and anti-U.S. slogans Paul's reaction to the man who sets fire to himself (i.e. an act of total involvement) appears to be one of bewilderment-this is as unrelated as another man stabbing himself. Issues such as

labour disputes, ideology and the Cola". That these two poles lack Pill are only half-real, they do not really reach him. It is relevance

It is as an expression of this lack of identity and relevance that the film's style is successful disconnected visual images and the apparent unrelatedness of incidents which constitute this style, are in fact therefore what the film is 'about'. Within this intricate concept of style as theme, Masculine - Feminine is the expression of itself. - Linda Daly-Peoples

Running time: English version, 110m; American version, 104m; New Zealand version, 94m.



"Actors are timid, managements are timid. What has put is now an arm me off writing for the theatre is the theatre, and the fact that t for these reast nobody goes to see my plays when they are done."

Orientation Week by the University Theatre Company, wrote that and disappeared into the film world where he made a lot of money writing the scripts for the Knack, The Charge of the War. Arthur Kopit, the author of the other Orientation play Chamber Music, also showed his when he entitled his first play Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma's Hung you in the Closet and I'm Feelin' So Sad, and then described the play as "a pseudo-classical ing his undelive tragifarce in a bastard French tradition". One of his next plays made his scorn for conventional

theatre even clearer. young men prance around wrote The Day the Whores came their hostility both playwrights produced Prisoner and Escort. have gone on writing for the

Charles Wood, the author of stage. Kopit had a full-scale Prisoner and Escort, one of the production of his latest play ms' 'intersection one act plays done as part of Indians put on at the Aldwych Theatre in London in 1968. The National Theatre commissioned Wood to write a play Dingo, which so horrified the Establishment that in 1967 The Lord Chamberlain censored it Light Brigade and How I won the almost out of existence. When the censorship of the British stage was stopped in 1968 the National Theatre commissioned a second disgust with much modern theatre play from Wood, H, and this opened in London in January

> Of course neither of these playwrights are known or seen in Auckland, and so as a contrast to its successful, if defiantly conventional, A Midsummer--Night's Dream Theatre Company is putting them on from Tuesday Remembering effete drawing March 10 to Saturday March 15 room comedies where dashing in the University Hall. They will be acted by a predominantly shouting "Anyone for Tennis", he student cast, Chamber Music is produced by Wilton Rodger, out to Play Tennis. Yet despite while Sebastian Black has

Professor S. Musgrove's pen-air production of A Midsummer Night's Dream for the University Theatre Company was extremely enjoyable. Which makes the professor's muffling of the full power of the play quite tragic.

In the producer's note to the programme, Musgrove says, 'Some recent critics and producers have tried to find in it sinister suggestions and animal implications. This seems nonsense to me. It is an innocent play, and the poeple in it are good people. The lovers are moving and youthfully ridiculous by turns. The Duke is also in love and is kind. The amateur actors, the mechanicals, are decent men doing their best and the fairies embody the power of natural woodland things.

If the professor was sincere in this (and he seems to be) then he partially failed to control his actors. Stephen Smithyman's Puck was nearer the Nordic tradition of the evil troll rather than any Robin Goodfellow fairy ideal. Smithyman played Puck as a sly, fawning gnome, tricking people whenever possible. generally in some manner that hurt them, for example, the chase he leads the lovers through the wood until they are exhausted.

All this has been fully argued Jan Kott's Shakespeare Our Contemporary and I do not intend to go into it here but I recommend the book to anyone who is interested in the question.

What is worth noting is the fact that because of Professor Musgrove's view of the play the animal elements were constantly breaking through and this gave the whole production an uneven appearance.

These criticisms aside, the production was of a very high standard. The lovers were indeed moving and youthfully ridiculous. scenes in the play occurred when Hermia, played by Janet Chaafe, believes the others are mocking her with their protestations of love.

Her degeneration to awild, spitting woman who fights the loss of her lover was very well handled. She was the best of the four lovers, the others tending to make little allowance in their delivery for the noise of passing traffic.

mechanicals were a The delightfully higorant crew with Bill Smith overshadowing the others as Bottom. His experience even allowed him to steal the scene from Titania when she made love to him.

Robert Leek's Oberon was slightly ponderous but was well offset by the elven lightness of Cheryl Sotheran's Titania. A compliment must be paid here to Marjorie Musgrove's custuming for the fairy rulers. It was nothing short of superb and blended well with the garden setting of Old Government House grounds.

This was a production without flair but certainly worthy of the capacity audiences it received. -Ted Sheehan

congress

of content, which would see New Zealand as a "repeater station" of the European network, reminded one of Professor Evinson's charge against New Zealand science-still in the "colonial era". Similarly his charges against a monolithic broadcasting structure in a homogenous, egalitarian society reminded one of Chapman's and cautions against conservative, conformist society.

CHANGE

Challenge, in the form of competition, must come at the 'most programs' rather than the commercial level, if broadcasting is not to continue within a fairly narrow system. If the media have a role in bringing about change in society by stimulating discussion and by presenting information, then current procedures will have to be changed. Johnstone argued. At present there is too much concern with "established and establishment values"; what is needed is more radical or outside criticism-"whose voices might otherwise not be heard"-and a

greater freedom for individuals both within broadcasting and "to experiment and to fail on occasion". He suggested that broadcasting might even be allowed to be ahead of majority opinion.

Brian Brooks, from Auckland University's School of Law. concluded the Congress session with a discussion on the relation of legal to social change. In a wide ranging look at the way the body of our law has been drawn together by custom, social pressures, political expediency and so on he brought together many of the points made by preceding speakers. His basic thesis was that law is an institution of society, and may be subjected equally to the criticisms to which other public institutions,

such as education, are exposed. Of particular concern, he contended, are those laws which have become socially obsolescent. but which can still provide a residue of catchall laws for the authorities. Another area of concern for New Zealand is that in which law is allowed to override custom and culture in

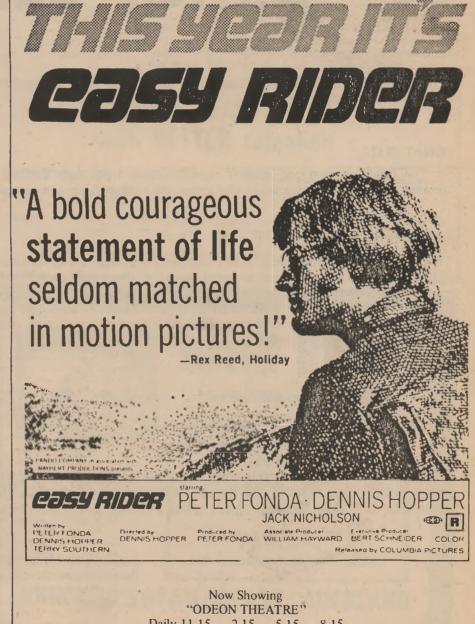
things like Maori land titles.

In conclusion, tribute must be made to the invaluable contribution of James K. Baxter to the success of Congress '70. His experiences of all levels of our society, his insights, his wit and fluency, his humility as a human being who has dedicated himself to the principle of loving his fellows, broke down the barriers between people of widely differing backgrounds and interests, and spurred Congress into being what the University so often isn't-a liberating experience.

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Australian new poetry

PAUL ADLER

lives at 52 foam street, elwood, victoria 3184 the question is / the answer is always coming / meatsong / & on poetry: charles olson has died (of cancer, it seems); before he died he sent a telegram to El Corno emplumado (no 31) which read "there isn't a jot of change in both what is to be communicated and how it is. So what's the furore for? Further distraction - and sophistication, no doubt (example, Wm Burroughs) - but as always simply politics. "He also wrote an essay called Projective Verse. & michael mcclure

the wooden sculpture bought from a dutch sailor, she sd

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"in the new way of things, the community is essential the creative act; the solitary poet figure & the name author will become less & less relevant. Here I prefer to be with my friends - which is the creative context."

Gary Snyder

MICHAEL DUGAN

Born 1947. Country childhood followed by urban adolescence. Worked as gardener, fruitpicker, fencer and then in bookshops for four years. At present unemployed. Published a children's book at the age of 19. Articles and poems in a wide range of Australian publications. Started Crosscurrents poetry magazine in 1968 and has issued poetry collections by Kris Hemensley and Charles Buckmaster. STATEMENT

Produced Crosscurrents as an alternative to established (& establishment) Australian little magazines. With the rise of many other little mags. such as Auk, Our Glass, Flagstones, Free Poetry etc., Crosscurrents is no longer as important as an alternative and has become a reflection of its editor's personality. The magazine is fragmented and idiosyncratic and uninfluential but gives publication to a fairly wide range

In Australia poetry is in a transient stage; I hope it stays that way. There is an integrity in much of the work being produced at present that is lacking in that of previous generations. The literary scene here is only just beginning to widen to a stage where the literary community is not a whole but is made up of various areas of interest. Arse licking is not as important as it used to be.

What is going on here is to the good. Older critics say the young poets are just going through an experimental and rejectionist stage. I hope we never stop.

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PISTILS AT SUNRISE

At dawn we fought a duel with flowers (both winning) and lay in morningfields smelling the clover and holding the sun in our hands.

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S.R.C. ELECTIONS

The Students' Representation Council is the newest form of gauging opinion and transforming this into Students' Association policy . . .

WHAT IS IT?

The S.R.C. consists of student representatives from each faculty. The number is proportional to the number of students controlled in that group, plus others from sub-groups such as hostels.

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Added to this S.R.C. may form sub-committees to investigate any Stud Ass affairs. Ultimately S.R.C. approves most Executive decisions or recommends their amendment.

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MATURITY

Duoting Anna Freud, Dr kle said examinations meant tudent "has to prove whether as reached the aim of sexual nty. Threatening failure in examination may lead the nt to question his academic ips even his worth as a an being.'

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challenges and demands may need worst, some of the staff were to be thought through again to relatively unconcerned by the try to determine whether they are mounting tension and were in no truly supportive of personal position to help reduce the strain growth and development or whether they are possibly feeding revolutionaries might have been unconscious conflicts."

STAFF-STUDENTS

He said the attitudes and relationship of staff to students was of importance in the stimulation of healthy learning and the reduction of anxieties. "Anxious, hostile and disturbed teachers are unable to lessen the problems of their students and they may enhance them; in addition they will not be as aware of the students' difficulties, anxieties and impending examination problems."

Many teachers, he said, had difficulty recognizing students combine the academics and the with obvious psychological administrators into a team to disturbances and they are work with students. The anxiety.

liaison between teachers and the continue unabated and eager student health and counselling groups of reactionary politicians

be aimed at the students. Students can be trained to intellectual competence, and recognize thier own disturbances and seek help in an understanding environment.'

STRIKE

Reporting back from a year's tour of England and America, the head of Victoria University's student counselling service, Dr A.J.W. Taylor also had something to say about staff-student

He said that in England the obtaining and conferring students complained staff were grees has many parallels in out of touch with them. During the strike at the London School This does not mean that all of Economics, some of the staff that matter any challenges tried to negotiate between the be removed or that dissidents and the administration and they "engendered enthusiasm us. It is not to say that among their students by nations should be abolished. organizing makeshift classes in

when the School was closed. The more restrained had there been more concern among the staff and more cohesion between them and

the moderate students," he said. He said student counselling in America was far more advanced than in England and the counsellors generally of a very high calibre. But, he said, some of the university staff were quite out of touch with students and their problems although this was more understandable as their universities were so huge.

GUNS

"No effort should be spared to ill-trained to recognize the more universities can solve educational subtle, covert or masked forms of problems, even if social problems are beyond their grasp. If they do There was a need for closer not, the demonstrations will may try to take control of the "Preventive measures should universities under the guise of 'law and order'. The outcome will be far from satisfactory, as the Californian academics realized in May 1969 when their politicians ordered the police and troops to use gas and guns on the students at Berkeley.

Space does not permit fuller reprinting of the many papers presented to the conference but students wishing to read more may do so by applying to the Student Liaison Officer, John Coster, on the first floor of the Student Union building

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In the United States the idea was "sort of utopian". They had the idea of building the 'new society' in the gaps of the old without destroying the old. But it had a valuable aspect. The best way of destroying the old society is to build a new one, originating in the institutions of the old

'Critical universities' can play very important role generating ideas for revolution, but for the revolution to be a revolution it is essential for it to take place in the economic structure of society. Any modern revolution would count on the active participation of many other groups than the industrial working class, although this

would remain the decisive factor. How far can students be radicalised, and for how long?

A small number can become revolutionaries in the fullest sense of the term, but a large number can become revolutionaries in a revolutionary situation.

It is very important for students while they are at university preparing for careers to be prepared "critically". For example, study groups for people going to be teachers or social workers-they meet and discuss what they are going to do, and try to act in a radical fashion when following their careers. This has probably had some influence on the teachers' strike in Britain.

Auckland University's Trevor Richards has been elected NZUSA International Vice President for 1970. Richards, who is currently Secretary of HART (Halt all Racist Tours), replaces David a former Executive member and student representative on the University Council who was appointed a senior lecturer in the Department of Commerce and Administration towards the end of 1969.

The new International Vice President defeated the only other applicant for the position, 1969 Victoria International Affairs Officer John Eade, by 36 votes to

Arthur Baysting and Roger Wilde have been appointed Editors of ARTS FESTIVAL LITERARY YEARBOOK and ARTS FESTIVAL HANDBOOK respectively. Roger was Editor of SALIENT in 1969.

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The problems involved in making money are purely technical. That Craccum should publish a column such as this is merely fulfilling a social obligation the magnitude of which is in inverse proportion to the wealth of its readers.

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Illiterate

One point about racing writers. They have a tendency towards illiteracy and their reports betray an insufferable arrogance. They have a habit of serencly noting that "Big Prick (for example) did not run up to expectations and ran last" when days before they were reporting the stake earnings of the same horse after he had won that particular race.

But frequent and detailed examination will enable you to become discriminating enough to pick their best to supplement your own

During the long vacation a number of students were at Alexandra Park, trying to supplement their meagre holiday wages. Some collected a packet off three members of the Gibbons stable, Land's End, Paula, and Paulette. Land's End has held his form well down south and should win again within the next couple of weeks. Paula has never raced well away from Auckland and broke badly in recent starts. She may however win again later this season. The loosely assessed Auckland trot fields are very weak, and a class horse like this will quickly win her way through a tighter class. This mare took some time to settle down to a new gait but after her trainers had experimented with combinations of shoes she obliged by running an outstanding trial at a matinee meeting and followed this with a good win at Epsom.

Two pacers who ran outstanding trials recently were Great Girl and False Lustre. Great Girl had her first start at Manawatu recently and won by six lengths easing down. Trainer R.A. Norton scratched her on the second night, and may be reserving her for northern

False Lustre won several races this time last year. A good second behind Land's End at recent trials showed that this horse is in condition. Last Saturday night's race in the second leg should be an indication of this horse's prospects for autumn racing.

One horse that is really worth following is Dover Eden. On the first night at Epsom he was badly checked and on the second night broke at the start and lost all chance. There was a tremendous amount of money invested on this horse on both nights after the horse was a hot tip in every pub in Auckland.-Roger Wilde, Mike Law

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