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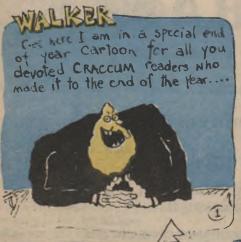
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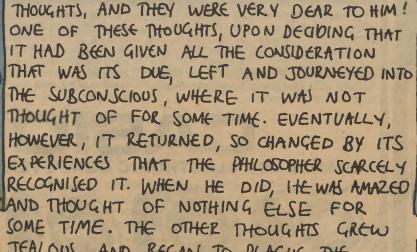












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Yours. "T.D.F.A.B.

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# Dear Frank,



ANDREW GREEN

### **Merchants**

Dear Frank,

I'd like to answer Mike Hanne's final question on his

cover story in last week's issue. Mike wants to know what we are going to do about

some of the sad but profound truths contained in Christopher Wainwrights book "The Degree Merchants".

Well Mike sadly, but I'm afraid not very profoundly, I'll tell you - "S.F.A." !

"T.D.F.A.B.B.T.S."

Dear Frank,

CASIO

I would like to reply to some of the comments made in Mike Hanne's article on 'The Degree Merchants'. I am a Junior Lecturer in the Political Studies Department, just one year away from being a student, so I feel I can still identify with the problems and pressures students face whilst running the academic gauntlet.

I happen to agree with Mr Wainwright's argument that the University functions to train a self-perpetuating economic, social and political elite and that the present examination system is an invalid method of assessment. However, I take issue with his statements regarding -

the lecturer/student relationship

**(2)** the marking of assignments

In regard to the first point, it is said that 'By denying the need of students to initiate their own educational experiences, academics stifle student's creativity and fail to recognize them as agents, rather than as patients, in the educational process.

However, in my experience I have found that the basic premise behind this argument is wrong, ie that all students are eager to take an original and creative approach to their work.

In my tutorials I have endeavoured to stimulate discussion of socio-political issues of different values and philosophies, and, by implication, a questioning of the relevance of the subject the students are formally study-

These endeavours have sometimes met with the irritated demand - spoken or unspoken - that the discussion return to something of relevance to the course ie with the potential for increasing final exam marks.

This demand has invariably come from students who are straight from school, not from older students and I, therefore, would suggest that Mr Wainwright first look to our secondary school system for the stiffling of initiative and 'authoritarian conditions in which students are forced to learn.

In respect to the marking of essays, myself and my colleagues have always written extensive comments and made ourselves available (for those who cared to come) for individual discussion about essays. Well - that's my job, but I still get a little irritated when comments have obviously not been read or when students have so little interest in their work that they don't collect assignments until months later.

I realize that there are great variations between individual lecturers and tutors, but, like Mr Wainwright, I can only draw on my personal experience. CRACCUM says that students can check the validity of the book's conclusions by reference to their own experience - I'd like students to ask themselves - are they, personally, prepared to jeopardize their place among the elite by "bucking" the system?

Raewyn Stone

# Vlokgatle

Dear Frank,

At the risk of moving from substantive debate to mere assertion and justification, I would like to take up Mr Treen's vigorous reply to my criticisms in your last

Vigour Mr Treen has in his righteousness, and on its heels come confused thought, and not a little vitupertion. He resents questioning ("for my troubles") of what it is he troubles himself to do. To the extent that his article, first, outlined Mokgatle's views fairly, and second, pointed out media distortion to students, there can be no quarrel with it. But that such an article was necessary in the first instance because of the SAL/YS's rash reliance on the media to faithfully propagate Mokgatle's views is ample proof of their naivety, or at least their

My "gross distortion" of Mr Treen's views is merely point to their concrete manifestation, which evinces 10 sign of having grasped the "object lesson" he seeks to convey to others. As I said in my original letter, his "documentation" is selectively conveyed in support of a crude conspiracy theory; it contains distortions (not too unkind a word) of its own: did Maori leaders, every traditionalist and Uncle Tom, "universally" welcome Mokgatle? Did most of them?

Mokgatle's student audiences (Mr Treen numbers them at 3,000), along with those who read Mr Treen's article, hardly weigh significantly against the many hundreds of thousands who heard only the media's misrepresentations. It is thus ironic to claim that he, Mr Treen, (unlike I, apparently) "knows how to talk to ... the mass of New Zealanders."

A number of smaller points remain to be cleared up. Predictably, my pointing to the exploitative nature of the SAL/YS presence on Bastion Point is termed "paternalistic and insulting". (Why, incidentally, is my use of the word "filk" more objectionable than an expression like "the masses"?) While my material aid to the Ngati Whatua is probably slighter than Mr Treen's, I have not sought to exact the ideological and publicity returns that his movement has.

There is a noteworthy silence regarding the two other matters I raised originally, namely the attempt to bully the anti-apartheid movement over Mokgatle's visit, and the foolish linking of Soweto with Bastion Point.

The shrill, abusive tone of Mr Treen's remarks is unworthy of him. How is my "real purpose" "revealed" by my "slanderous attacks on the SAL/YS? Considerations of a group's action and policies necessarily entails remarking on the group.

Mr Treen ought to keep to the rules of evidence that he demands of me. Why are my attempts to move beyond monosyllables "frothing at the mouth", and why should I be linked with media lies and the detestable NZ Truth (twice)? One can note in this regard, the calibre of Mr Treen's own "journalistic style" in moving from the patronisingly familiar "Guy" to the courtroom accusatory "Dugdale"

For my part, I have always found Mr Treen friendly and helpful - but the venal operation and confused objectives of the group he attaches himself to, I am quite clear about.

Yours, Guy Dugdale

Dear Frank,

Guy Dugdale has indeed written a letter of "mere assertion and justification", although I'm not sure his first letter was any different.

He continues to claim that the Socialist Action League/Young Socialists, who helped organise Barney Mokgatle's tour of New Zealand had a "rash reliance on the media". What proof please Mr Dugdale?

Making Barney available for interviews is hardly "reliance on the media to faithfully propogate Mokgatle" views". Mr Dugdale in fact offers none of his seemingly limitless wisdom to counsel us on what we should have done. Should we have refused newspapers and T.V. news the right to interview him? Should we have stopped them attending any meetings in case they tried to hear what he had to say in order to misreport him? Please enlighten us Mr Dugdale!

Mr Dugdale also takes great exception to my comment that "Mokgatle was universally welcomed by Maori leaders and anti-apartheid activists". What point he is trying to make eludes me. Perhaps "universally" was too strong a word since I now know at least Mr Dugdale as an anti-apartheid activist, doesn't seem to have welcomed Mokgatle's visit or our own effort to

But I think the representation at the first reception

for Barney was a justification for my use of the term. Those giving welcoming speeches included Matiu Rata, MP for Northern Maori; Eddie Hawke and Colin Clarke, Bastion Point protest leaders, Ranginui Walker, Chairman Auckland District Maori Council; Rebecca Evans, Nga Tamatoa, John Miller, Te Matakite.

Anti-apartheid groups represented included Tom Newnham, CARE: Colin Wilson, HART: Peter Purdue, Secretary Auckland Trades Council. Also in attendance were representatives of ACORD, the Polynesian Panther Party, the Overseas Students Action Committee, Maori Club, and (dare I mention them?) the Socialist Action

You claim we attempted to bully the anti-apartheid movement over the Mokgatle tour.' Again, where is your proof? My experience in Auckland was that every organisation was pleased that the tour was being organised. No "bullying" was required for their support. That was also the experience in most other centres. I do know that a few national leaders were less than enthusiastic because they seemed to think only they were allowed to organise such tours, but they also were not bullied into supporting it. They were merely informed that the tour was on and asked to help or co-ordinate with the organisers if they could. Some had other committments and didn't help - Big Deal! Please find one organisation that we attempted to "bully, threaten cajole" as your first letter stated. In particular, please give an example of our terrible brutality.

Again, Mr Dugdale claims that the SAL/YS have "sought to exact ideological and publicity returns" out of our support for the Bastion Point protesters. Please give proof Mr Dugdale. Tell us what we have done or written that suggests that? Is it because we have printed many articles explaining the background to the struggle in our newspaper? Is it because we have helped prepare and give out leaflets on the Bastion Point struggle? What are our heinous crimes? As for our linking Bastion Point and Soweto. What in fact did this involve? We had a banner that said "no to racism from Bastion Point to Soweto - Welcome Barney Mokgatle".

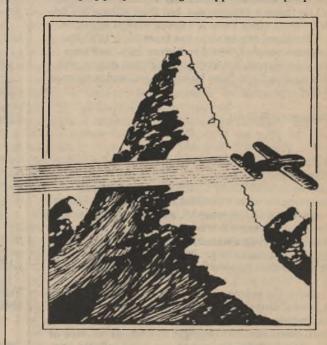
Please explain our crime. Is it wrong to "oppose racism from Bastion Point to Soweto" or wrong to remind New Zealanders that racism exists on our own shores and not only in South Africa, even though that is by far the worst manifestation humanity has seen. But please, Mr Dugdale, explain what we should have done.

Michael Treen

Dear Frank,

I would like to draw fellow students' attention to a letter by a "Thai student" published in CRACCUM issue

The letter contained the writer's experiences in his country. Unfortunately, the writer failed to elaborate on why he/she cannot support the Thai people struggling against the present repressive regime. I found the last two paragraphs of the letter very misleading. Also ending his/ her letter urging people not to give support to the people



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This week, the regular credits of CRACCUM have been superceded by the splash on Page 10. So I am just going to keep typing until I simply fall of the bottom of the page and when I do you know that it will be time to turn over.

# Dear Frank,

fighting the repressive regime or the military junta itself. I would agree not to support the present regime, but to alienate the people fighting to bring back democracy to Thailand is completely ridiculous. "Thai student" admitted the brutalities of the present regime, and its violence against common people. Certainly the only alternative to end this brutal fascist rule is through tactics that can counter violence.

One just can't continue to protest peacefully and end up getting butchered by the Thai Army. The past peaceful student protesters have gained experience with a high price. There are already too many innocent deaths. May I ask who shall we support, then, to help bring back democracy to Thailand?

I would say support all Thai people who value democracy and justice and who are sacrificing their loved ones for a democratic Thai society. Join the Friends of Thailand in campaigning for the return of a free and democratic Thailand.

I hope this letter will enlighten our passive "Thai student" and clear any confusion that is flowing around

Oppose the fascist military junta, support the Thai

Yours sincerely,

'Thai cousin'

Please let my opinions be heard! Thank you.

Dear Frank,

I would like to draw to your attention that there are people who want to make use the issue of the Vietnam refugees for their own political purpose.

One obvious example is, there is a gigantic old Saigon flag (about 12ft long) hanging down from the ceiling, along side the N.Z. flag, in the hall where the refugees stayed: The flag of this enormous size, is very unlikely to have belonged to the refugees, more likely it is from the possession of some local gentlemen (or lady), and even more likely from some official or not-so-official persons. Otherwise, it is pretty hard to find a nonexistant regime's flag so matching in size with the NZ's flag!

Well, interesting indeed is the source of this flag; more interesting is the meaning in hanging it up. Was it that those behind all this affair just want to show their sympathy to a no-longer-existing, corrupt regime; or do they long for the "good-old-days" when their "good friends" were in power?

These people might want to make an issue out of the refugees, they might want to exaggerate, distort, fabricate the situation in Vietnam, they might want to blame every result of 30 years of war (who invaded whom? Was there any Vietnamese soldiers on American soil?) on the new government, but their efforts will be futile! For so many years it was the foreign aggresors that determined our history, but from 30/4/1975 the Vietnamese people have taken history into their own hands. And no one, not even the mightiest power, will be able to stop them from building a just and properous society.

A Vietnamese Student

Dear Frank,

Last week, a Mr Garry Clearwater wrote a letter commenting on what I had said at the Abortion Forum that was held on September 16, and I am writing in reply to that letter. Because it was appalling. A slick, smooth exercise in armchair abstraction, and a clear example of how anti-abortionists think. But in ordinary, everyday life it just doesn't happen the way these people think it does

He talks, for example, about the relationship between a man and a woman as though it were exactly the same as that between a woman and a foetus. Thus, he implies, if a man does not have "the right to beat, starve, rape or kill his child or wife" because they are dependants, then a woman does not have the right to abortion, because the foetus is dependant on her "for nurturing and survival'

Sounds good, doesn't it? Rolls off the tongue like the maths tables we used to chant at primary school. But what would this man do if he got pregnant himself? How would he feel if all his life he had been relegated to second-class citizenship, held back by every barrier an alien society can put around itself, and if he were then to wake up one morning, violently sick, knowing that his life was going to be put further from his control for at least the next few months of physical and psychological upheaval? Or knowing that for the years to come he would have to face the strains of feeding, clothing, educating a child he had not planned on because he could barely dig up enough housekeeping money to pay for the groceries when he went to the supermarket the week before. Or how would he feel if he went through with those nine months only to have the kid taken from him to be adopted out, never to be seen again?

How would he like to spend each month of his child-

bearing life eating up valuable time and energy in fear that he might be one of that percentage of the population whose contraceptives fail them? Or if he were under 16, having to struggle against the prohibitions and inhibitions against contraception, in the first place? And how would he cope with the fact that he had been turned down for a job because the bosses thought he wouldn't be worth their trouble as he'd only get married and/or have kids?

But what would Clearwater know, or care about this? He's too caught up in his spider-web of pious intellectualisms to give even a moment of thought to it - except to tell us that a woman seeks an abortion for the sake of her own 'convenience'.

And all that crap about abortion solving the male oppressor's worries about unwanted children - since when has an oppressor ever concerned himself about what happens to the life of the person he is oppressing? Whether abortion services exist or not he's not going to have his life thrown out of his control by an unwanted pregnancy - not like a woman's life is.

There are those in this capitalistic, sexist society who do benefit from, and make money out of a woman's reproductive cycle, I agree. And that's why we need abortion services as part of a community-owned health system, rather than having them left open to exploitation by private business interests. But that's not going to happen for a while yet. Meanwhile whether or not Clearwater thinks it her duty to nurture foetuses, a woman needing an abortion will get one any way she can. I doubt very much that she will boycott an abortion clinic to uphold the ideological purity of an anticapitalist statement. (It is interesting to note, too, the number of SPUC supporters who have found themselves in need of the Auckland abortion clinic.)

So Clearwater can mouth on as much as he likes with his simplistic, gutless 'logic' - it's not going to do away with the realities. Nor does it mean anything to us women, to all our own thoughts, feelings, needs. But like too many others, he has chosen to ignore these, and if the C.S. & A. Bill is made law, it is not they who will suffer. It will be the thousands of New Zealand women, forced once more to endure, against their will, a life that is not their own.

Jill Ranstead

Dear Frank,

I read Jim Tully's critique of my article on the Fijian elections and wish to clarify a number of points and stand by some of my original criticisms.

I had not intended to write an article on the Fijian elections but I did so on my return to N.Z., partly as a backgrounder to the interview with Manueli Vasia, partly as a reaction to one of Mr Tully's articles in the Star.

Although my comments about the number of elections and the number of Nationalist M.P.'s were incorrect this was because I did not have ready access to information about Fiji, unlike Mr Tully who, judging by the content of his articles, seems to have been using Alliance Party propaganda.

Secondly, I still think that a difference of 38,000 in 565,000 is small enough to leave in "roughly 50:50" as an estimate of the population rather than quibbling over percentages.

That, however, is beside the point as the article was about the major parties and how the media in Fiji presents them. Unlike Mr Tully, I did not gather my information in the offices of either the Alliance Party or the Fiji Times (a very pro-Alliance newspaper). I still stand beside my contentions that the Governor-General overstepped his duty on firing Koya and that the Nationalists are more moderate than the media of both countries claim, and I still say that Kamisese Mara has not done nearly enough for the people of Fiji,

It's about time he either resigned or instituted something (like Social Welfare for instance) for the people. Free education is far more important than another school, so why does Kamisese Mara just open

Yours, Chris Tennet

Dear Frank,

The "Christian" Club has been attracting quite a bit of attention this year on campus. Recently it has held a weekly series of meetings about Christianity

Last week, under the heading of "Why Not" a letter was written by somebody called Bernie who, appearing to be the average naive student, stated that he was keen on attending such a meeting but had second thoughts when he saw some anti- "Christian" Club posters around the area. He then said that he "would be grateful to meet the person who issued this warning in order to discuss this in more detail."

Being a secret sleuth in my spare time I realised that this may be the same Bernie who is one of the 'big boys' in this "Christian" Club. I rang the Bernie who is in this "Christian" Club and he admitted that he was the person who had written this letter to you. So, under the

impression given that he was an ordinary student seeking to learn more about the "Christian" Club he is in fact an important member of it setting a trap for whoever put the posters up around campus warning people of the

This seems to me to be an extremely devious and underhand dirty trick and does not appear to be a very Christian thing to do for an organisation which professes to be the Christian Church.

Now, I too advise readers to keep wide clear of this organisation.

G. Thompson

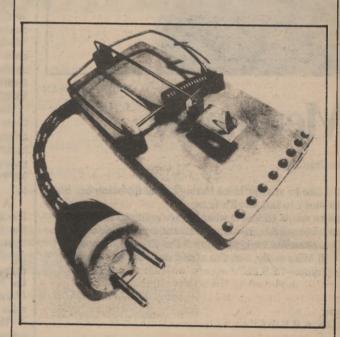
Dear Frank,

Re 'Bernie's' letter desiring rapport with the person also seeking knowledge of the Christian Club's activities; Watson and I have, after much scrutiny under my trusty magnifying glass, deduced that this 'Bernie' is in fact, none other than 'one-of-them!'

One must conclude that the case is, as it were. elementary, my dear Francis. Is he in the dastardly business of ensnaring young innocents? I fear so; therefore, beware all those walking the foggy lanes of the East End. (especially near Walthamstow Central Tube station.)

Your obedient servant, in fighting lawlessness, and deceit,

Sherlock Baker St. London N. 1.



Dear Frank,

Q. How do you catch a rat?

A. Set a trap.

Bernie.

# Baden-Powell



The picture chart of your voyage to success on the cover shows some of the bigger rocks you have to look

They may loom up dark, but don't forget that the sunny sopt for which you are aiming lies beyond them, so if you get round them they have got their bright side too.

You will find it if only you don't let yourself be carried on to them, but navigate yourself wisely past them.

By this I mean two comforting things.

There is a bright side to the darkest rock; and there is a reward for being active in working your own success, instead of passively drifting to ruin - you gain character' as you round each rock and you gain your goal of Happiness in the end.

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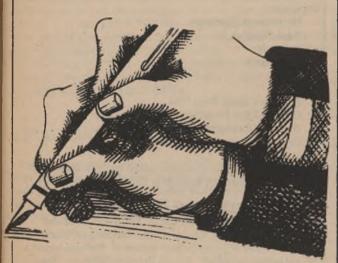
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# **Snoops**

HE Security Intelligence Service Amendment Bill is a viciously anti-democratic measure. It legalises S.I.S. prying and snooping into the legitimate activities of private citizens. The Bill gives the Prime Minister the authority to issue warrants to enable the S.I.S. to intercept and seize communications. The S.I.S. will have the power, not only to open mail and tap telephones, but also to break and enter private premises in a fashion that would otherwise be punishable by 10 years inprisonment. The S.I.S. is also given the power to order any state servant to assist in the obtaining of information.

In addition, the Bill makes it harder for the public to find out what the S.I.S. is doing, and thus to exercise some restraint on it. The new law makes it an offence for an S.I.S. agent or individual involved in carrying out an 'interception warrant', to disclose at any time anything they find out while acting for the S.I.S. Thus any links between outside political forces and the S.I.S., or any illegal S.I.S. activities which an S.I.S. agent may wish to expose, cannot legally be brought to light.

Similarly, the legislation prohibits publication of any names of S.I.S. agents, whether or not they are still employed by the service. In the past, S.I.S. agents have been named after being discovered spying on University students, causing them to be kicked off campus. In 1975, an S.I.S. agent leaked a copy of an S.I.S. document to the news media. He was named and exposed, and as a result, dismissed.

These and other such instances have shown that the ability to name S.I.S. agents had exerted some measure of restraint on the Service.

The 'Interception Warrant' is substantially different from a search warrant. Most importantly, it cannot be challenged in a court. The object of the warrant has no right to question its validity. This can be done for search warrants when there was no probable cause for the issue of the warrant; or because the warrant was too vague; or because the seizure exceeded the terms of the warrant. (Remember the raid on the Abortion Clinic with a defective warrant). In addition, a search warrant is good for only one month, while an interception warrant has no terminal date but only an annual review.

The term 'interception of communications' usually denotes wiretapping but this is by no means all that is legalised. As mentioned before, the word 'interception' is left undefined so that it could mean breaking and entering or interrogation with the agent given immunity from prosecution for theft or assault. In addition, as 'communication' is not defined in the Bill, such an 'interception' could mean the seizure of any piece of paper prepared for someone else to read, including clerical records, medical records, correspondence, lawyer's files and inter-office memoranda. What this will mean is illustrated by the case in the United States when Daniel Ellsberg, who released the Pentagon Papers, had his psychiatrist's office burgled by the F.B.I. This was illegal in the United States but is legalised in New Zealand. In fact, if the psychiatrist worked for the Health Department she/he could be ordered to hand over the file.

Moreover, if the psychiatrist objected she/he could not complain to anyone, because disclosure that such an order was given is punishable by two years imprisonment, or a \$2,000 fine. Failure to comply with the order is a breach of the state servant's contract and thus grounds for dismissal.

Any State Servant - a Social Welfare Officer, a Government Valuer, a Maori Affairs Officer, a Post Office employee, an Agricultural Inspector, a Factory Inspector, an Inland Revenue investigator, a School Teacher, a Probation Officer, - could enter private premises, ostensible on official business but surrepticiously to plant a bug or seize some communication.

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In addition, the warrant may contain a 'request'

that any other person or class of persons give assistance in making an interception or seizure. The employer is to be informed when such a request is made. The local plumber or electrician could become a handmaiden to the Big Brother apparatus.

Some of you may say that you have nothing to fear from the S.I.S. because you're not a 'subversive'; but what is subversion?

According to the 1969 Act it is 'undermining by unlawful means the authority of the State of New Zealand'. If one looks at this carefully, it probably includes the majority of New Zealanders. It includes every worker who strikes without requisite notice, or who goes on a political strike for instance against the S.I.S. Bill. It includes the 8,000 people who demonstrated in Auckland without a permit when a nuclear warship visited. It includes counselling illegal 'overstayers'. It includes all those who participated in the Maori land march without a permit or have visited or supported the Ngatiwhatua at Bastion Point. Sir Guy Powles' report, in fact, stated that 'virtually every form of protest and dissent - not neccessarily very radical - falls within the Service's net. One recommendation Powles made was to amend the Act by inserting a proviso to Section 4(i)(a) in the following terms:

Provided that intelligence shall not be obtained regarding any person or body which is not actually engaged in espionage, sabotage, or subversion unless the advice of the Intelligence Council had been obtained,

Powles also recommended 'that until the Act is so amended, the service curtail its counter-subversion activities in accordance with the spirit of the proposed

Given the existing definition of subversion, that was an extremely weak proposal, yet it has been ignored in the proposed amendment. Moreover, The justifications for the Bill by Muldoon and other Cabinet Ministers have concentrated on the 'threat from Communists' and other supposed subversives. In fact, a warrant does not need to be against an actual subversive, but can be to obtain information from anyone necessary to detact activities 'prejudicial to security'.

Thousands of New Zealanders have protested against the Bill. They have realised that the real subverters of our democratic rights are the government and their political police.

Join the protest against the S.I.S. Amendment Bill.

Protest rallies will be held this Friday at Albert Park 11am to 3pm, or this Sunday Albert Park from 2 - 5pm. Stand up and be counted while we still

MICHAEL TREEN



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# **Engineers**

As reported last week, the Association failed in its attempt to hold a Special General Meeting on the subject of Union Financing and the control of the Union facilities. The reason for the failure of the meeting, you might recall was the fact that the Engineering School was on holiday at the time, and thus the constitutional requirement for all faculties to be in action at the time of a General Meeting was not fulfilled.

Perhaps stung by an attempt to conduct the business of the Association without them the Engineers turned up en masse for the rerun of the meeting last Wednesday. After rowdy and pointless debate, which seldom rose above such witticisms as, 'Get a haircut'[!] and 'Put a dress on' [to a man, needless to say j the inevitable happened. The vote was taken and when the 'Vote No' sign was raised aloft, the motion that the University be landed with financial responsibilty and control of the Union's running was narrowly lost.

# Creeps

INCE the last issue, a number of people involved in our 1975 Elections story have been in the news in two different events. The first was the release of the 'Citizens for Carmen' list.

Bob Jones, the Wellington millionaire and Capital Club founder, has turned the Wellington mayoral race into somewhat of a farce by sponsoring Carmen. Why he has chosen to back her we are not sure, but it has probably more to do with the fact that Carmen is a transvestite rather than her announcing her candidature as a joke.

Jones has been paying for advertisements in the Wellington papers with slogans like 'Make Wellington the Queen City' and 'Get in behind Carmen'. He has also enlisted the assistance of some of his friends and associates and these people, along with about 250 others, have volunteered their names for the Citizens for Carmen list. The 50 names given to the press include M.P. Camp (which we have reason to believe is a false name), Pat Rippin who was acquitted on charges relating to the Capital Club, Chris Stevenson, a car dealer and business associate of Rippin, Reg Birchfield, owner of the National Business Review, and Paddy Guildford, a Wellington Insurance broker.

However, the Capital Club was not reformed by Mr Jones and we are glad to see that there were no \$100-a-plate 'dinners' to raise money for Carmen's campaign.

A far more serious incident was the news that police had questioned the TV Two journalist Keith Davies and TV Ones's Murray McLaughlan, after receiving a complaint inditectly from Paul Freeman. Keith Davies was the journalist who exposed Rowen Naldrett-Jays (a.k.a. R.C. Jays) the S.I.S. agent involved in the 'Think Tank' affair who is apparently now working for the A.S.I.O. in Singapore. Since August 1975, Davies has been digging into the events surrounding the election.

About the middle of last month Davies went to see Freeman to talk about some telex messages he had acquired. These messages were sent around August from the Department of Trade and Industrys to its overseas posts advising caution in dealing with Freeman and giving details of past dealings the Department has had with him.

Freeman then complained to a Cabinet Minister who has nothing to do with the Trade and Industries Department. The Minister complained to the State Services Commission who asked the Police to investigate the 'leak'. Davies and other newsroom staff at TV Two were visited by the C.I.B., and Davies was warned that he might have to stay in New Zealand and face charges under the Official Secrets Act if he didn't reveal his source. (At that stage Davies was about to return to Britain as he had found New Zealand television 'too tame' i.e. too muzzled by the Government).

Christchurch reported Murray McLaughlan was visited by police at his hotel at 4 o'clock one morning after arrangements had been made to return the telex messages, and these arrangements communicated to the police. Davies, a British subject, was allowed to leave New Zealand, but it has been obliquely suggested in some quarters that this incident could bar him from returning here. This will be a relief to factions associated with the National Party should they decide to use 'dirty tricks' next year as the loss of Keith Davies means one fewer journalist to investigate just waht has happened and what will happen.

Although the police (in Auckland at any rate) acted properly in this matter it seems that someone in authority either in the Government or the police force over-reacted to the extent of having Davies threatened with the Official Secrets Act. Was this a farewell gesture from somebody Davies has been investigating or was Davies getting too close to the truth?

Since the last issue, CRACCUM's circulation has increased by one. On Friday 7th October one of the staff saw two constables double-parked in Princes Street by the Quad in an unmarked tan Holden. A detective, carrying a copy of CRACCUM got into the car which drove off towards Wellesley Street. It would be cheaper and less of a waste of petrol if the police force, instead of sending 3 men and one car to get one issue of CRACCUM, paid the five dollars it costs for an annual subscription. Then the copies could be posted direct to Central. They should also not have to read newspapers to find out something of what happened in 1975 - they should be investigating it themselves.

#### LOCKERS

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HE Auckland Central-Mt Albert Amnesty group has, in accordance with A.I. regulations, taken a special interest in 3 Prisoners. One is from a Western Country - Greece; one is from a Communist country -Yugoslavia and the other is from a Third World Country Malaysia. This is in line with AI's policy of complete non-alignment, and impartiality, politically.

Malaysian Prisoner: Ng Kooi Sang Arrested: 16 June 1968. Held under the Internal Security Act 1960. He has been held without trial. The exact grounds for his detention are not known. It is assumed he is an alleged member or sympathizer of the banned, underground Malaysian Communist Party (M.C.P.) or of an MCP front - organization, and that he is detained on the alleged grounds that he represents a threat to Malaysia's security. A.I. does not know of any evidence, particularly as the Government has never publicly presented evidence of any description, which suggests that this prisoner may personally have used or advocated violence at any time. After 7 years imprisonment, a sentence equivalent to 'life' imprisonment in some countries A.I., in 1975 took up the prisoner's case. A.I. urges the Malaysian Government either to bring him to a fair trial with any evidence against him being presented openly, or, considering the time he has served,

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Yugoslavian Prisoner Dr. Djura Djurovic Arrested: 22.11.73 (Has a Law Doctorate - formerly distinguished social worker in Belgrade. Was a member of the Democratic Party of Yugoslavia).

He is one of the few surviving witnesses of the contacts between the two rival resistance groups in wartime Yugoslavia. He was a member of the Mihajlovic group (the rival of the Tito's group) led by Colonel Draza Mihajlovic. Both groups, though fighting the German invasion during World War II, developed a deadly hatred against one another, and thus are believed to have entered into secret contacts with the Axis forces. Tito claimed that his group did not involve themselves in any such contacts.

W. Roberts published a book in 1973 challenging

Dr Djuravic was originally imprisoned for 17 years. He was released in 1962. It is possible that between 1962 and 1966 Mr Walter Roberts may have met him to obtain information for his book. This could be the motive for Dr Djuravic's arrest. Or the Yugoslav

authorities could have acted against the principal witness of events embarrassing to them.

At present he is in ill-health. Attempts are being made to send him medical aid.

All interested, send courteously worded letters to: his lawyer:

Mr Vitomir Knezevic Vase Pelagica 10 Belgrade, Yugoslavia

President Josip Broz Tito, Office of the President of the Republic Bulevar Obtobarske Revolucije 70 Beogradi Yugoslavia.

Any Serbo-Croat speakers would be very helpful to write to Dr Djurovic. English is also quite acceptable.

Greek Prisoner Leonidas Hagioanidis Arrested: 20th July 1976 under Article 70 B of the Military Penal Code. Charged with refusing military service. Given 41/2 year prison sentence. Refusal based on his religious beliefs. He is a Jehovah Witness. This religious group refuses to perform all military service. The Greek Constitution has no provision for conscientious objectors. All males between the age of 18 and 40 must serve 2 years of military service. Those who refuse are eligible for imprisonment until they are over

Please send courteously worded letters to :-Minister of National Defence **Evangelos Averoff-Isitsas** Holargos, Athens

Minister of Justice Constatine, Stephanakis

Socratous, Zenonos, Athens It is possible to write to Leonidas Hagioanidis in the following languages - English, Greek, French, German. He is imprisoned in

Avolona Military Prison, Avolona, Greece

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Monthly meetings are held every 4th Tuesday at 47 Wakefield St at 7.45 pm. Anyone interested in Amnesty International can

contact A.I. at 558-878. The next meeting is on Tuesday, October 25.

PINBALLS ON CAMPUS!

Yes, all you pinball wizards can get your index fingers flipping in the comfort of the Student Union Buildings. Pinball machines have been installed in the old Table Tennis room, on the second floor next door to the Billiards Room - that's the room above the television room. There's no need to go to that greasy bar downtown, relieve the tension of exam swot at University. Play pinball, but remember - beware of the TILT.

CRACCUM EDITOR

The SRC meeting of last Wednesday confirmed the appointment of Ms. Louise Chunn as the Editor of CRACCUM for 1978. Ms Chunn is the first woman to hold the position since 1972.

**SENATE** 

Nominations are now open for the position of AUSA representative on Senate for the term beginning 1 February 1978. Nomination forms are available from Studass and close with the Association secretary on Monday 31 October 1977.

**CAPPING BOOK STAFF** 

Nominations have been reopened for all positions on the 1978 Capping Book Staff - there were no applicants first time round. Nominations close with the Association Secretary at 5 pm on Friday 7 October, 1977 and Publications Committee will meet at 6.30 pm the following Tuesday to interview the applicants.

Please note that nominations will not be reopened for a further period should no-one apply for the positions, as Publications Committee believes work on a 1978 Capping Book should commence in 1977.

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If you wish to obtain vacation accommodation in another University city, you should write to the local University Accommodation Officer.

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#### MURAL DESIGN WINNER

After all the hooha, entries were duly received and judged in the competition to design a mural for the wall behind the Health Food servery. The winner was Margot Peacock of the ATI Interior Design class. Her winning entry can be inspected in the office of the Union Manager.

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# Layman's Guide to N.Z. Politics

JAN GEARY



FTER spending nearly a whole year writing about politics in this August journal, it comes as a surprise to me to realise how few of my pet theories I've got around to inflicting on you all. This after all, apart from paying the rent, was the reason I took the job on in the first place. So like it or lump it, here it is, THE LAYMAN'S GUIDE TO NEW ZEALAND POLITICS.

Alliances: Devices by which our leaders seek to unload responsibility for our defence onto anyone silly enough to stick around long enough.

Conservatives: (i) Old fashioned variety; They believe that regardless what the state of the world is, that it couldn't be better. Before it was changed to what it is now they thought the way it was was best. In a hundred years time when it has changed to something else they'll think that is the best too. They're not amazingly bright as a rule, the exceptions tending to afflicted with strange religious beliefs. These sort of people tend to own banks and newspapers and things and have lots of money, cars, colour TV's, yachts etc. It's easy to see why they think things are so good.

(ii) Modern variety: Power and or money grabers who tend to falsely call themselves Liberals. They generally start out with only a little money. They accumulate in places like University law schools where they try to get jobs working for the above lot and if they're lucky even marry their daughters.

Communists: Nearly extinct. See Ideologists and Radicals: bogus variety. Tend to spend their time gaining footholds in various places where they mistakenly believe power resides.

Democratic Socialists: That section of the Labour Party which refuses to accept that the Labour Party is just as much 'the establishment' as the Chamber of Commerce, or Woolworths.

Ecology: 'Don't ask me, that whole section was inserted at the last minute by the Advertising Agency. Something to do with VW's isn't it?

Economy (the); At best capable of supporting us all in modest style. Shattered by a twenty-year orgy of extravagance and speculation. Chances of recovery are dim owing to archiac heirachic and bureaucratic concepts of management and the progressive demoralisation of the work force owing to cold turkey withdrawal from its addiction to brightly coloured and expensive trinkets.

Election Manifestos: Ignore them, the advertising agency probably got it all screwed up anyway.

Ends and Means: The former don't exist. Why be taken in by a politician's version of Utopia when its introduction is obviously beyond his power anyway? Far more important are the means by which he tends to deal with each particular item, and the means by which he goes about pushing his barrow. Administrative detail is more important than political rhetoric. Unfortunately the administrative detail tends to be covered by the Official Secrets Act. That's the breaks.

Expatriot: Any New Zealander with brains.

Freedom of speech: A privilege granted to the silent majority, but only for so long as they remain silent.

Governor General: Well sometimes it's the only way to get the old bastard to retire. It's better than a High

Commissioner's posting after all. At least you know he's not going to reappear in a couple of years time and get in the way all over again.

Ideology and Anti-Ideology: Elaborate walls of jargon erected in the hope that they will allow their exponent to wax lyrical about things he doesn't really want to be bothered thinking about. The theory is that by implying an understanding of the world in general they will hide complete ignorance of whatever particular topic is being discussed. The Anti's are an especially obnoxious variety since they attempt to create the same illusion by pretending to understand somebody else's system of jargon without even bothering to make up their own.

Independent: None of the parties would have him.

Liberals: (i) so-Called). Generally conservatives or reactionaries with week knees.

(ii) Real. They exist on the fringes of both the main parties and somewhat closer to the centre of the minor parties. They display rare qualities called tolerance and moderation which make them extremely ill-suited for a political career but are probably the only people really fit to run the country. When they occasionally do rise to positions of prominance they tend to get slaughtered.

Moral Issues: Title given to any matter of importance to allow the big parties to dodge them thus avoiding embarrassing displays of the fact that most of them don't really know or care about anything except the next election.

National and Labour: Titles given to a matching and complementary pair of political machines. Neither has any particular belief or policy and their major characteristic is the ease with which either can be taken over by any determined meglomaniac who wants to operate them Between them they gerrymander the rules under which elections are held to make sure nobody else has a fighting chance.

NZRU: Took over the conduct of our overseas relations following the dissolution of the Foreign Affairs Department in 1975.

Parliament: The country's most exclusive, fully licensed private club.

Radicals: (i) Establishment variety. Radicalism in the party machines arises from an excessive influx of ambitious youngies into the party concerned at any one time. Frustrated at having to wait till their seniors die before they can gain any of the real power, they sooth their frustrations by displays of excessive and tasteless grandstanding to draw public attention to themselves.

(ii) fringe varities. Without them the whole political process would grind to a halt. They perform vital functions as scapegoats and foci of the paranoias of the suburban masses. If they did not exist then the big party machines would surely have to invent them.

(iii) Bogus. A number of groups choose to style themselves as Rads who in fact are not. Since the imposters are usually in fact socialists, a good test is to ask them about 'Nationalisation'. If they are keen on it then you've caught them out. These types tend to be the remnants of failed attempts to launch party machines.

Reactionary: The true political creed of the masses. 'All we really want is to get back to the good old days when men were men and the Korean War made sure we were all rich without having to work for it.

Socialists: A strange sect of extreme Protestants who've lost their prayer books somewhere along the line. They believe 'the State' has a direct line to God whereby 'Heaven on Earth' can be attained. Their effectiveness in practical affairs is limited by their inexplicable tendency to prefer glorious last stands to quiet victories, ie 1913, 1951, 1978, etc.

Social Credit: I don't understand it at all. I suspect it probably works but it is never going to be tried, so I'll probably never be too embarrassed about it.

SPUC: An odd lot who believe that life is sacred up to the moment of birth but couldn't care less what happens afterwards.

SIS: The 'Intelligence' starts and finishes with the name.

Young Nats: Front for underage drinking by children too delicate to mix it with the great unwashed down at the local Rugby Club.

Labour Youth Branches: Party strategem for compromising potentially dangerous critics before they are old or wise enough to do any damage.

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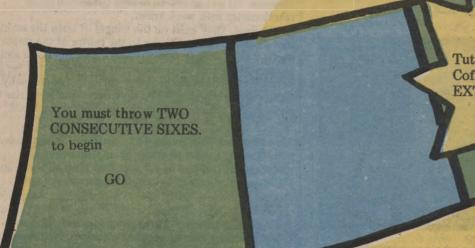
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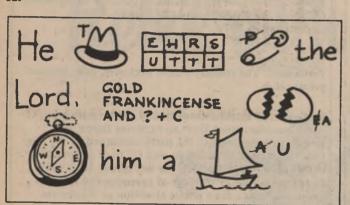
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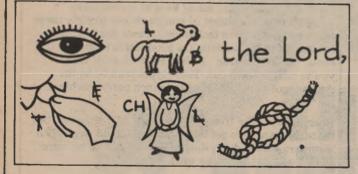


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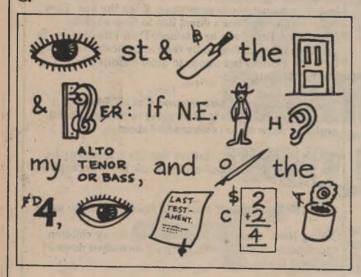
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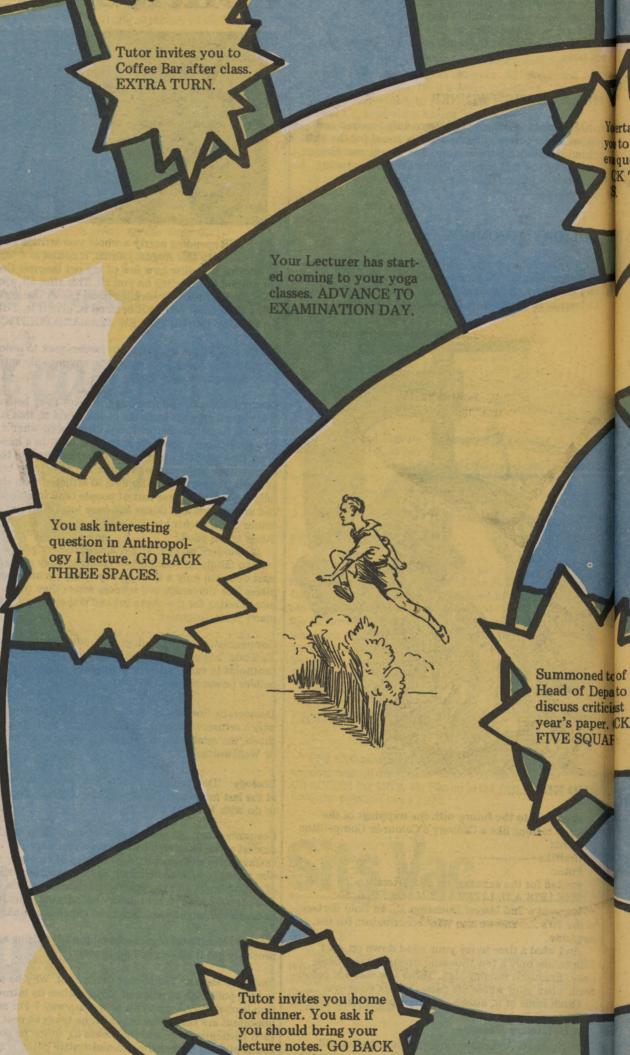
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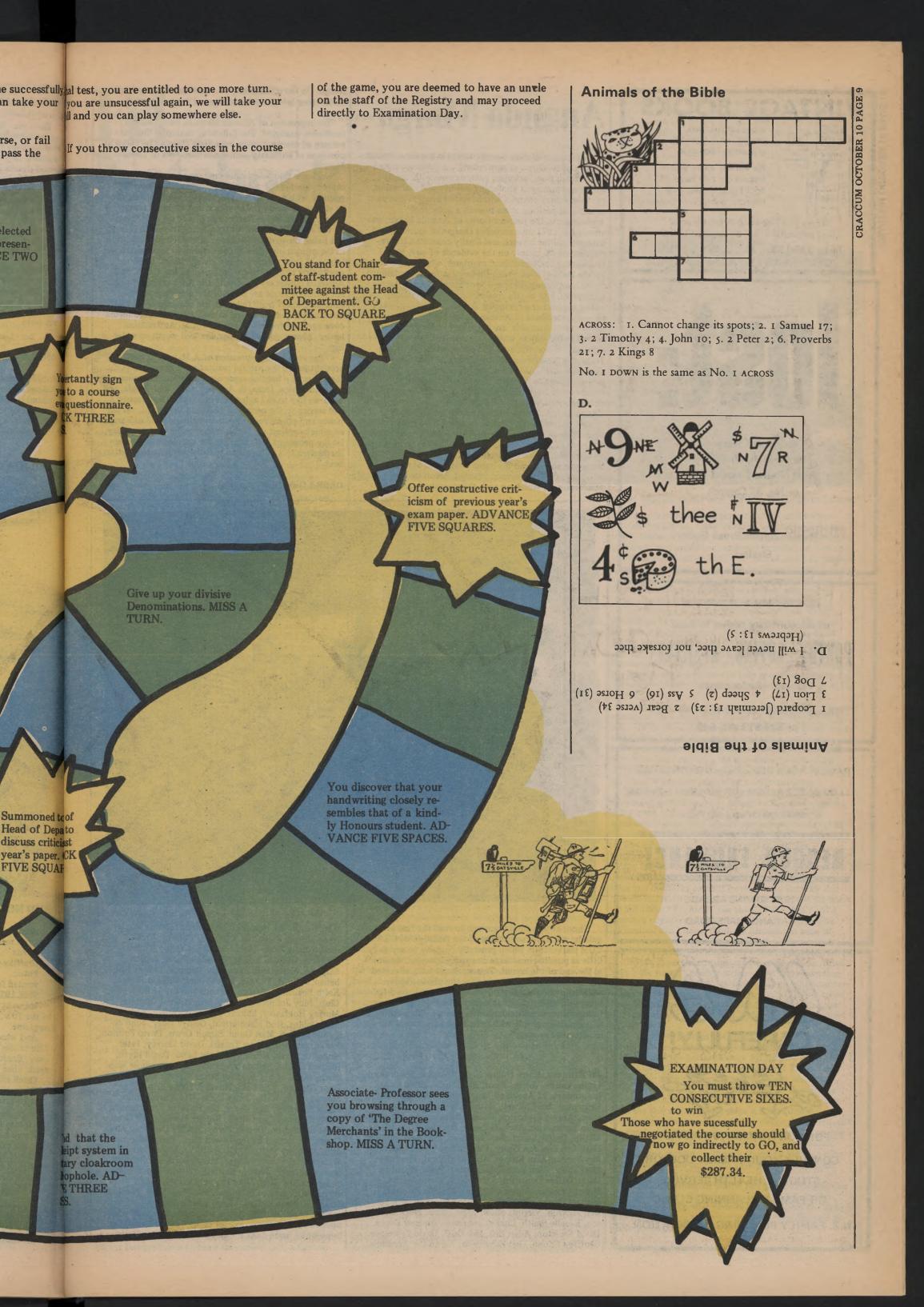
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### Ananda Marga

Persecution against Ananda Marga is not new. Ananda Marga's positivity, and particularly the criticism aimed at all corruption, including governments with empty election promises of abolishing poverty and starvation, has made many enemies within vested interest groups. In India, opposition arose to such a point that Anandamurti, the founder-leader of Ananda Marga, was arrested in 1971 on concocted charges of murder, held without bail for 5 years, and finally convicted to life imprisonment, mainly on the evidence of one, Madhavananda, a self-confessed murderer, who was pardoned by the Indian Government for implicating Anandamurti.

Although the situation of our Marga Guru remains intolerable, and we are endeavouring still to attract public support and sympathy for his case, now, more ecently, members of Ananda Marga both in New Zealand and Australia, are becoming increasingly concerned at the way in which recent events in Canberra have been misrepresented and distorted in the press. Following the attempted kidnapping of the Indian High Commissioner's Aide (this was the action of an individual and in no way in line with Ananda Marga policy), several other 'incidents', of which Ananda Marga knows nothing about, such as the burning down of the High Commission building, and letters containing crude threats to members of Indian families, have been blamed upon Ananda Marga. We believe these to be the clumsy attempts of Indian intelligence agents (CBI) to capitalize on the unfortunate Canberra incident to create sinister innuendo and malign the name of Ananda Marga. The letters are signed Universal Proutist Revolutionary Federation, of which no such thing exists in Ananda

Marga. On the other hand, we ourselves have received threatening letters with promises of "extermination soon".

The repression of Ananda Marga in New Zealand continues unabated. The following examples illustrate a pattern of discriminatory behaviour directed by those in positions of authority against the members of Ananda Marga:

Evidence that telephones are tapped and mail intercepted; teachers of A.M. being requested to leave the country with no reason given, and then appeal and visas to visit the country both refused and again no reason given; the repressive restrictions placed on A.M. members by the Justice Department for visiting friends in prison; not being allowed to visit those interested in meditation in the prisons, not even those desiring to take initiation into A.M.; and restrictions on giving classes, teaching meditation in prisons, etc (although in the U.S.A. and Australia classes are given with the full backing of prison authorities). These are some of the more repressive examples, apart from frequent and unnecessary harassment by the police, as well as negative and biased media coverage. The following words of A.M. Australasian leader, Acarya Abhiik Kumar, are well worth consider-

"The continuing repression of A.M. in N.Z. has brought me to the painful realization that even in N.Z. there is only a hairline separation between the police states of Africa, India, S. America, Chile and Russia, and what we like to call a democracy. A.M. offers beauty and service to the people of N.Z. and the world, yet the police and others continue their malicious and unwarranted attacks against us. If this is happening to A.M. today, let the people of N.Z. take proper warning and prepare themselves ...... it is certain that they will be the victims next."

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Those of you foolish enough to read the fine print regularly will know something of the tradition of CRAC-CUM staff credits which generally contrive to say as little as possible in as large or small a space as remains at the end of the layout. This week, we have allocated a little more space than usual for the photo above, which shows only a few of those who have helped to bring you the magazine this year. The list which follows is in no particular order, and has almost certainly ommitted paeople who have done a great deal for us. Thanks any way.

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In August 1974 the Fri left NZ on a Peace Odyssey to the Pacific and Asia. Then, last year, while it was in Hong Kong, it received an appeal to take part in Operation Namibia - an attempt to take to Namibia (S.W. Africa) a supply of banned books (ie any which challenge apartheid or expound modern African nationalism and socialism). At present, the Fri is in Sri Lanka where most of the crew are recovering from a bout of hepatitis.

FRICA seems a long way from Sri Lanka, when we look on the chart and trace 8,000 miles of doldrums, trade winds and Cape of Good Hope storms. But each day our newsclipping book grows with all the information on Southern Africa we are able to gather, and the books which arrive aboard to be carried by us there are studied before they are packed away.

For several of us, that great continent is taking on depth and colour for the first time. For two of us it is well known. Steve Reid, who is our red-haired Canadian, lived there for three and a half years teaching in Zambia. Steve joined when the ship was in Singapore. He visited the ship to see what help we needed, and we persuaded him that his help was needed for the whole journey. Martin Gotje, who has been the ship's navigator since the voyage to Mururoa in 1973, sailed for years around the African coasts on Dutch merchant ships, absorbing a distaste for white Southern African politics. When he found that ships of his company were breaking the trade embargo against Rhodesia, he left the company.

It is easy to look at a map of Namibia and work out which areas are white-controlled: all the land with water, (a precious commodity in a land of mostly desert,) the great diamond mines, the Rossing uranium deposits, the copper and tin deposits. These areas, plus the Walvis Bay enclave, (the only good port on the whole Namibian coast, which Pretoria also claims directly under its jurisdiction,) make up 60% of the land area, under control of the white 15% of the population. The blacks, numbering almost one million and 85% of the population are increasingly confined to the bantustans (tribal homelands laid out by the economics of apartheid,) in the dry remaining 40% of the country.

Because the bantustans aren't viable, because the white government imposed taxes which can only be paid by entering the money economy, and because under apartheid law, no black is allowed to remain idle, a captive labour force is created to work the uranium, diamond and mineral mines. No black has control over the recruiting of his labour. When the recruiting officers enter the reserve, he is assigned to the mines if he is very strong, to municipal labour (rubbish collecting, etc) if he is not so strong, and if he is unlucky, he becomes an agricultural labourer under the most wretched conditions and poorest pay, (under \$100 a year in 1967, the last year that S. Africa submitted figures to the U.N.). A surprising amount of income comes to Namibia from its agriculture, because it exports the newborn black karakul lamb pelts which sell on the luxury European market as Persian lamb. Canada's Hudson Bay Fur Company is the dealer for this trade.

We must become familiar with the apartheid laws; besides the deeply unjust wage scales, unequal educational opportunities, unequal medical facilities, there are many inflammatory petty apartheid laws, in particular the pass laws. But the laws we are directly challenging are those banning almost 2,000 publications - all those challenging apartheid, all those which expound modern African nationalism and socialism. We will carry those books into Namibia.

How does one go about planning a non-violent action such as Operation Namibia? Non-violent activists in England were trying since 1973 to formulate a suitable action to support and highlight the struggle in Namibia, including ideas for an economic blockade. A United Nations study group came up with the idea of arresting ships carrying goods out of Namibia. Australia protested that this would be piracy. In 1975 came the idea of a non governmental peace ship in the tradition of the ships which have tried to stop nuclear testing, but this time to carry banned books requested by Namibians. Operation Namibia, with one centre in London and another in Philadelphia, and broad peace group support, began the search for a boat, a crew and a cargo of books. Waihi-born Roy Purvis, who has been with the Fri for nearly 2 years, felt the call for help could be best answered by his gang to London to work directly on the new peace ship. He is Radio operator, sailor, engineer, navigator, pacifist - an ideal man to begin building a crew around - so we sadly kissed him goodbye and rowed him over dark midnight waters on the first leg of his journey to London. Roy is now the skipper of the operation Namibia boat "Golden Harvest" bound down the coast of West Africa with over 4,000 books aboard.

As Fri waited patiently for the return of the monsoon and the last typhoons to blow themselves out, a further







appeal came from Operation Namibia, this time suggesting that we commit Fri to the action and attempt to rendezvous with the 'Golden Harvest' after collecting books en route from Hong Kong. We accepted the challenge with only the reservation that Fri was still planning a Peace Odyssey visit to India, and that we could not promise arrival in Namibia in time for a rendezvous. We undertook to do our part of the project without immediate financial support from London or Philadelphia.

Our experience has proven that action in service to the community has alway generated enough money to keep the ship going. Since being in Hong Kong we had also developed a cottage industry aboard, which helped to support the ship - screen printing high quality Chinese t-shirts. With a few hundred t-shirts and our watertight convictions safely aboard we set out for Singapore, which was to be the first book collection port. That was the end of 1976. Golden Harvest was on her way too, in Oporto, Portugal by this time.

What sort of relevant books would we be able to collect in Singapore? We weren't very optimistic, but two weeks campaigning yielded a surprising variety of material. Admittedly, specifically African material was scarce, but educational texts and scientific journals made a small core cargo of useful (if not exactly up-to-date) books. Of the 1,700 publications we collected, most came from two universities and two technical colleges, which we arranged appeals at, sometimes with difficulty in Lee Kwan Yew's tightly controlled Singapore. Some books were brought directly to the ship by people who had read about the mission.

Madras was to be the last scheduled port of call for the Peace Odyssey, to deliver peace messages to the Indian people. We arrived three days after the emergency decrees of Indira Gandhi's defeated government had been lifted, but Madras was one of the few places which had strongly supported her, and we found ourselves hamFri in Madras (left) and leaving Wellington (above)

strung by bureaucracy in transition. We could only tolerate (or afford) three weeks in the blazing heat and indifference of Madras, but the books collected there, gathered from publishers, consular libraries, editors and individuals (the universities were out of session), proved more promising. From the Gandhi Peace Foundation in Delhi came 60 excellent volumes of non-violent and Gandhian thought - from other sources, volumes on tropical medicine, developmental education ......

Our finances in Madras came chiefly from contributions from new or returning crew. However, by good fortune, a huge American university ship arrived just before we left and we were able to sell enough t-shirts to pay our harbour dues, and to collect a few more books. Greenpeace NZ's dependable \$100 or \$200 contribution per quarter arrived in time to help provision the ship for the journey down the coast to Pondicherry and on to Sri Lanka.

Many people who come on the ship find that it is not exactly as they thought it would be, and they leave. So our crew is often changing. When Fri set sail from Hong Kong after a year shorebound, only two people had extensive ocean sailing experience. A great many of the crew who had been with the ship since New Zealand in 1974 had found Hong Kong the point of re-evaluation, the point when they picked up a different thread.

The voyage from Hong Kong was one which soon demanded commitment. It brought storms, discomfort, and a crash course in sailing, and it strained group operation and training beyond the tolerance of four in the crew who left us at our first Malaysian landfall.

The response to Fri's missions is sometimes surprising. In Madras, we were warmly welcomed aboard by the Indian Navy ship 'Delhi", better known to New Zealanders as 'H.M.S. Achilles' and had the Fri's topsides and bulwarks painted from stem to stern by the officers cadets in one day. All the officers read the book we left them "Fri Alert" the story of the ship's 1973 Mururoa voyage, and this provoked some interesting discussions but I don't think we pressed the issue of their involvement, as military men, in warfare and murder - we skirted it and I don't think we should have.

Can we expect such courtesy from the South African navy? We haven't exactly written that we are coming, but it is quite likely that we shall meet up with them on the long passage around the entire South African coast from Mozambique to Angola and Namibia. In fact we intend to visit as many South African ports as possible on the way.

How can we prevent the books from being confiscated should that be attempted in South African waters? Who shall we hand the books to once Fri reaches Walvis Bay? Will Golden Harvest establish a precedent for us? Will there be an Interim Government in power when the ships arrive? If so, how will its behaviour towards us reveal the continuing power connections with Pretoria? Even the safe arrival of the ships is a big question, (Golden Harvest recently spent six days on the rocks off the coast of Gambia in the same spot where ten people had lost their lives in two different wrecks in the preceding three months,) although there is a growing story of helpfulness and care from governments and people along the routes of the ships.

Fri should be nearing Walvis Bay near November this year. Then there will be another story to tell. In the meantime we hope that New Zealand support for us will help change Africa's growing image of New Zealand as white Fourth Africa's best friends

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# **Footlights**

CONCERT **JANIS IAN TOWN HALL** 

N concert, Janis Ian revealed a rare sensitivity as both a songwriter and a musician. Aided by a perfect sound system and an exceptional band, Janis completely captivated the audience and treated them to two encores. The early part of the set was, in the main, composed of quiet songs. Aided by her harmonic alter ego, Claire Bay, Janis performed what were for me, the most personal and beautiful songs I have ever heard from the stage of the Town Hall.

Halfway into the show, the atmosphere warmed up with a muscular, rocking rendition of 'Miracle Row/ Maria'. Up till then Janis had been playing acoustic guitar and piano, but for the rest of the concert she strapped on a Gibson and showed that she was a very competent rocker. The other guitarist, David Wolfert, was tasteful and dynamic on both acoustic and electric guitar and on 'Miracle Row' let fly with two devastating solos. Stu Woods, the bassist, bridged the gap between rhythm and harmony very effectively and Barry Lazarowitz drummed with precision and power. Claire Bay was more than a backing vocalist - her voice and Janis's were so similar and blended so well that at times it sounded like two beautiful melodic threads flying from the same

The majority of the songs were off the albums Between the Lines' and 'Miracle Row'. The concert was the last one that Janis will perform for at least two years and from the tour of Japan, Australia and New Zealand, a live L.P. will eventually emerge. If the concert last Wednesday night is any indication, it should be a record to watch out for.

Janis Ian's life so far has the classic trappings of the showbiz tragedy - that would be the impression one would gather from listening to her records. However, judging from what she said at the Press Conference, and her total honest pleasure in performing, I gained a glimpse of someone who has achieved a restful balance between her unique talent and undeniably powerful feelings. Even 'Miracle Row' is a phase that she has left far behind. And perhaps it is with a feeling of joy, rather than despair that she sang, as her last song:

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ADRIAN PICOT

# Disorientation Week

Wednesday November 2 -

Thursday November 3 -

Uncle Albert's Orgasmic Orchestra

Derek Ward and Sef Townshend as 'the Boys'

MAIDMENT 1.00

QUAD 12.45 - 1.45.

Friday November 4 - Living Force

QUAD 12.45 - 1.45.

Two experimental films including 'Circadian Rythms' by Auckland University film-maker, David Blyth.

October 31 - November 4

Disorientation Week is a series of events during one week of exams designed to take the average student's mind away from academia and into something a bit more relaxed. It will be happening every day from 12.45 to 1.45 in the Quad, except for Wednesday, when two experimental films will be shown in the Kenneth Maidment Theatre. If it rains the events will be held in the Theatre. Organised by Theatre Activities Committee, and Campus Arts North.

The programme for the Disorientation Week is as follows:

Monday October 31 -Country Flyres Red Mole Theatre troupe QUAD 12.45 - 1.45

Tuesday November 1 -Limbs Dance Group QUAD 12.45 - 1.45.

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Janis Ian at Intercontinental Press Conference

Sef Townshend of 'the Boys'

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Bruce Gulley - President for 1977

# Looking

At this time of year everybody is reflecting, with varying degrees of glumness on the profit and loss for 1977. The occupant of the position of AUSA President facing the strain between performance and promise is no more able to escape that backward look than any

N the second week of the August holidays 1976, I decided to run for President of A.U.S.A. Following traditional patterns, I issued a policy statement and was interviewed by CRACCUM. I had two basic platforms - Union Financing and Assessment.

Following the General Meeting on Wednesday, the Union Financing part of my policy has not been achieved. I think we learnt a lot which will be useful in the future and I believe it can now be accepted that Students want to keep their fingers in the pies (sic) and future Presidents will still have to worry about these problems. Some people may feel that we should just close the cafeteria, and everything will be rosy. Obviously it is not that simple and I personally do not think that closing the cafeteria is in the best interest of students.

The second point of policy was Assessment. This is slightly harder to quantify. Earlier in the year, I had discussions with all class representatives to try to find some sort of pattern so that I could approach Senate with concrete proposals. However, no pattern emerged, so I asked representatives to take away my ideas, discuss them and try and bring them up through their departments as constructive suggestions. I do not know if this is happening - I hope so.

At the same time, I put several proposals to Senate, concerning tutorials, tutors, work loads, limitations of enrolments, alternative teaching methods and other issues. These are being discussed at present by Senate, and its Academic Committee. Hopefully, next year some new techniques will emerge in these areas.

Putting it another way, things are in the pipeline, and the Senate Representatives are following them through.

One of the major problems this year has been the lack of senate candidates coming forward. The candidates we have are very good, but it is disappointing that new students do not come forward for these positions.

Incidentally, there is a nomination presently open for one Senate Rep for 1978. It is preferred that a Science or Engineering student is elected because the balance on Senate at present is wrong with three Arts students and a Medical Student.

So they were the major policy areas that I was going to work on. I feel that I partially succeeded in drawing up proposals for Union Financing, and hopefully methods of Assessment will improve in the future.

At the beginning of the year, the Executive attempted to push the Class Representative system. At times I

have said that when things go wrong this is the place to correct them. However, during this year the method has changed. Instead of trying to block bad ideas, I started to initiate new schemes to improve the type of education we are receiving. This is another major reason for becoming a class rep - you see what is right and what is wrong and because students have a different perspective, they can sometimes improve the situation.

So next year, if you wish to comment at all on your education, there is a place to do it.

Some advice on tactics:

Before any committee meeting that I or student representatives attend, there is a meeting in my office beforehand to decide on our position. Might I suggest that any class rep. who sees problems or has ideas discusses them with other students on the committee beforehand. If you are sitting in a committee and students disagree with a scheme (that has been suggested by a student) some academics will automatically ignore it because "the students don't know what they want" or "it has not got student support".

Every so often, students and non-students ask me to justify the existence of a Students' Association and what if anything, it achieves.

This is how I see it.

The major role of the Association is to protect the rights of its members, both within the University and within the community (including the overseas community). If, for example, it sees that Association members' living standards are being undermined by inflation, it is the responsibility of the Association to protest about it.

Within the University, its function is to ensure that student views are heard on whatever issues are being raised and to ensure that the end products are in the best interest of students. To achieve this, the Association appoints representatives to most major University

The next role of the Association is to provide for the non-academic facets of university life. To do this it runs Orientation, Capping and similar events, and provides both services and grants to affiliated clubs and societies, who, in turn, provide the majority of the non-academic stimulus on campus.

Within these two ideals, I can justify everything the Association does and probably will do in the future.

I do not think, because only 25% of students voted in the election in which I was elected, that this means we are doing a bad job or not doing what students want. On the contrary, because I do not get a flood of students in my office I figure they are happy with what the Association is doing.

One last thing I think the Association achieves is the provision of a training area which is not available anywhere else. People often complain that a clique runs this place. This is partially true, but it is not exclusive and anyone can join it. All you have to do is be prepared to work for students in whatever way you see best. If, however, you step outside accepted Association policy, you are soon baulked.

All of these students have the common philosophy outlined above, and on your behalf I would like to thank them for what they do for you. If you think it is fun sitting on a polling booth, putting up posters, or stapling forms together you are wrong.

In my last communication I wish to comment on the

Association's future.

New Zealanders are presently entering a phase of worrying about 'number one' and people are protecting their own positions. I do not know if this is the fault of the Labour or National Government, but will say the latter has not improved the situation at all and in some areas has acted as a catalyst in further aggravating the

I do not have a solution but would suggest a conservative approach will not solve the problem.

The Association might not advance very far in the future, but it will achieve a lot by maintaining its position.

I think it was as a result of the present problems that five people were elected unopposed to the Executive. It is not within students' personal best interests to get involved. I think students should look beyond that position, and decide whether they can contribute to the Association. If you can - then get involved.

On that note, good-bye, have a Merry Christmas and good luck with exams.

**BRUCE GULLEY** 

# **Fraining our Teachers**

ELL, we managed to paint a pretty bleak picture of university teaching in the last article, but despair not! Just as Homo sapiens developed from Homo erectus, universities for academics may become universities for students (Hopefully it won't take quite so long).

There are already a few hopeful signs. The basic change needed, is obviously a change in attitude by the community, government, and most of all, academics in their thinking on the role of universities. Their primary function must be seen as one of developing to the greatest extent the students, not the academics.

The recent poor economic situation has caused growing public concern with the amount of money spent on research, on lecturers who spend half their year researching overseas, and so on. Although, perhaps, the motivation for this concern is different from our own, it is breeding a growing re-evaluation of the place of

In addition to this growing pressure, organisations such as Students Associations have worked long and hard to increase the standard of teaching at universities.

The Association of University Teachers (the 'union' for lecturers) has also taken some steps to protect the image of its members.

In response to these, the Universities have slowly changed and introduced measures to solve some of the

Several universities have introduced 'teaching units' concerned with promoting the level of teaching and education at their respective universities. Auckland has such a unit and its sole staff member is the Higher Education Research Officer (HERO for short - how's that for a label?) John Jones. Dr Jones runs teacher training courses at regular intervals with a reasonable attendance, but these are strictly optional, and, as Dr Jones has said, those who need training the most do not attend.

The other major step taken by Auckland University has been the tightening up on the three-year probation period.

In theory, three years after appointment, a lecturer's employment is supposed to come up for review. In the past, this has been largely a rubber stamp process, but now a little more care is being taken over this review.

So that's where the situation rests. Now we come to the juicy bit. What should the University be doing to ensure a high standard of teaching?

At the moment the 'teaching unit' is a very low priority as far as financing and assistance is concerned. This is a deplorable situation where a so-called educational institute is putting very little into something designed to raise the educational level. (Naturally it is in the interests of the entrenched academic hierarchy not to stress this area - it is an admission of weakness and

So, to start with, the status of the 'teaching unit' must be raised with more money and staff being invested in this valuable area.

Not a great deal can be done in assessing teaching skills when making appointments, but each new appointee should be required to undertake a compulsory training course even in such basics as subject organisation etc. This should be followed by regular teaching courses of short duration to acquaint lecturers with new developments or new techniques. Things like the most productive use of audio-visual equipment.

The three-year probationary period should be continued, with more force. More attempts should be made to make regular evaluations of the teaching ability of lecturers. Students have an important part to play in these evaluations, and perhaps this could provide a more constructive role for staff-student committees.

In addition to this, channels should be made available for students who have legitimate cause for complaint about lecturers. At present, students have little comeback against lecturers - a trip to the H. o. D. being the most accessible course of action. That itself is a harrowing experience for most students. Only by going out to students and ascertaining their feelings, will the University discover the real ability and success of a lecturer. This important role of students must be recognised by the University.

Anyway, these are the basic areas where improvement could be made quite easily - compulsory teaching courses on appointment, and regular evaluation with reappointment or dismissal after three years. We must fight a situation where the University becomes like the civil service, where you are almost guaranteed employment for life. Dismissal in the past has only followed activities such as interfering with students, embezzlement etc.

For tutors and laboratory demonstrators, I believe more care should be made in appointment, and these appointments should be done on a more official basis than the whim of H. o. D's. They should also be required to take teaching courses. Other ideas have included a compulsory teaching training course as part of a PhD, as most PhD students become lecturers.

So, take heart, the wheels are slowly turning. Some day universities might even be a valuable place to go to gain more than an ability to scribble fast and remember a lot of facts. 'Till then, be prepared to be bored, but if you have any good ideas for improving the place don't be afraid to get them known. There's a bit of a void at the moment in some circles. Have a good time with exams, good luck, and see you next year.

#### CHRIS GOSLING

Chris Gosling is next year's Education Vice-President.



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'From Scratch' will perform Rhythm works in the Little Theatre on Monday October 24th, at 8pm. Admission - \$2.00 and \$1.50.



ANDREW GREEN

Citizen Band gave their debut performance at the Island of Real Cafe last Sunday to a more than capacity crowd. Judiciously mixing a hatful of original songs - mainly by guitarist Geofrey Chunn - with some golden oldies they confirmed their promise as the new Larry's Rebels.

# Careers Week

Representatives of the following organisations will be visiting the University to discuss employment opportunities with interested students.

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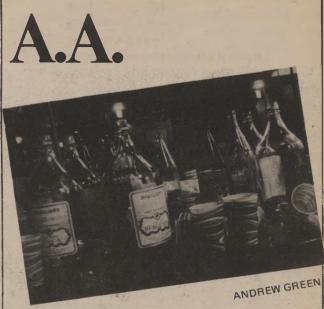
McCulloch Butler & Spence

There are about 15 other firms who will possibly come as well.

For further information about the type of graduate required by the individual companies please call at the Careers and Appointments Office for your 'Detailed Employer List'.

Should you wish to make an appointment for an interview with any of the companies listed above, please see the Secretary, Careers and Appointments Office, located in Room 14, behind the Upper Lecture Theatre.

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OME forty-two years ago (1935) in the US the fellowship of Alcoholics Anonymous was founded. These people from all walks of life had discovered that only by abstaining from alcohol completely could they return to a sober way of life. To do this they saw the benefit of being helped by other people. And they were convinced there were none better qualified to help an alcoholic than an ex-alcoholic, one who had been through all the pain, disgust and humiliation of withdrawal.

The power and the problems of alcoholism are known fully only to those who have been afflicted with it. This is why Alcoholics Anonymous by its simple programme of twelve suggested steps can play such an important part in any society. Pacific Islanders who are the victims of alcoholism can, in the same way, help themselves and one another on the road back to a normal way of life. Members of A.A. include lawyers, doctors, ministers of religion, teachers, university lecturers, judges, nurses, housewives, men and women from business and the factory, from the skilled and unskilled trades. Their under-standing of this problem through personal experience, and their sympathy have played a major role in the rehabilitation of over two million alcoholics throughout the world in the past forty-two years.

The only requirement for membership is a desire to stop taking alcohol. There are no dues or fees for A.A. membership. We are self-supporting through our own contributions. A.A. is not allied with any Sect, party, organization, or institution, and does not wish to engage in any controversy. It neither endorses nor opposes other causes. Nor does it believe that only AA. alone can help alcoholics achieve sobriety. Our primary purpose is to stay sober and help other alcoholics to achieve sobriety.

Just six months ago, 2 Palangis and a Maori founded a Pacific Islanders group. All three are members of Alcoholics Anonymous. Both the Palangis have Pacific Island wives, one from Fiji, the other from Niue. One Palangi member has been sober for twenty years, the other seven years. The Maori member (who has now left due to his busy involvement with other groups) has been sober for 1 year.

This group was founded due to the relatively small numbers of Pacific Islanders attending regular AA meetings. Some would come along, attend for a short period then drop out. Problems with the English Language and a lack of ease in a predominantly Palangi situation were no doubt the major factors.

The response at present has not been particularly encouraging - with only 4 or 5 attending so far. The Meetings are still conducted in English. However, A.A. literature is now being translated into the major Pacific Islands' languages.

Though Pacific Islanders and Maoris are encouraged to join mixed A.A. groups few have done so. Thus the hope is that Pacific Islanders will feel more encouraged to join their own ethnic AA group. As yet, no separate Maori group has been set up - though this could be advantageous - depending on the wishes of the Maoris themselves. The two Palangi members within the Pacific Islands group are there for guidance and counsel. The hope is that the Pacific Islanders will soon come to lead their

The Pacific Islanders Group of Alcoholics Anonymous meets every Sunday night at 7.30 pm in the basement of the Catholic Presbytery at 470 Great North Road, alongside St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Grey Lynn. Whether you belong to any denomination or not, you are welcome. This is for all Pacific Islanders whether they come from Samoa, Tonga, Niue, Rarotonga, Tokelau or Fiji or elsewhere.

Anyone who is at all interested in the problem of alcoholism phone the

Alcohol and Drug Dependence Centre 73-978, or phone AA 374-294.

Headquarters - 2nd Floor of the Town Hall.
or Write to

Box No. 6821, Wellesley St, Auckland.

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