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We reprint below the abridged text of an address given by Barry Littlewood, the Chairman of the Auckland Council for Civil Liberties. We believe that his address provides one of the most interesting observations on the state of individual freedom within the context of present New New Zealand society. And if you think that perhaps this doesn't affect you then think again. Laws in this country are made for all people and repressive legislation or the excessive interference of the state into the everyday lives of New Zealanders should be a matter of great concern to us all. Later on this year we'll try to provide a series of articles on just what laws are around and what they could possibly do to curtail your individual rights/freedoms. In this issue you can read an appraisal of that legislative monstrosity, the Police Offences Act. Later on we'll be bringing you resumes of the Crimes Act, Security Intelligence Act, the Official Secrets Act, the Industrial Relations Act, The Public Works Act and many more. 1984 may have not yet hit the fair shores of our glorious nation but they've got 5 years to go yet and anything may happen. So without further ado we present.....

Civil rights are under attack. News of such attacks is reaching us constantly. More often than not we can offer no remedy in the face of inflexible State bureaucracy.

Two events stand out as more dramatic than the rest - the Battle of Bastion Point and the Battle of the Waitemata.

The two are in many ways comparable. Each was a confrontation by the State against the people; each was preceded by absolutely no negotiation between the State and those whom it opposed; in each, the police were reinforced by units from the 'Defence' Department; each was a travesty of democracy; in each, the State showed that it would stop at nothing, whether in forcing the people to submit to invasion by a superpower's nuclear armament, or in the seizure of Maori land as at Parihaka in 1881.

When the need for law and order is so constantly harped on, it is marvellous to observe that those who control the State and who harp the loudest are the very ones who fail to notice the difference between the law on the one hand and order on the other, and fail to ensure that the State observes the law - leading directly to the negation of the rule of law, the opposite of democracy. Even a former Prime Minister, Sir John Marshall, has expressed his unease - not so much at what the State is doing, but at its doing it

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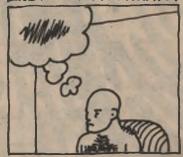
This is no mere academic debate or fanciful phrasemongering. The men's urinal in which 20 women from Bastion Point were locked up at the Police Station was real enough and stinking enough; the complaint that we made on behalf of those women was real enough but it was totally ignored. The complicity of the the Auckland City Council in the Bastion Point affair was real enough, as was its rejection of our complaint that the Mayor, Sir Dove-Myer Robinson, had closed a number of streets to public traffic on the 25th May despite an earlier assurance that the Council would remain neutral. The bites and wounds inflicted on Te Aho Johnson Henry by two police dogs in his Kingsland home on 16 December 1978 were real enough, as is the Police Department's ignoring of the complaint which he made three days later. The tearing and theft of a Headhunter's clothing in the Henderson Police Station on 15 November 1978 was no less real for for his making no resistance. The illegal boarding of a pleasure yacht on the Waitemata Harbour in January 1979 was no less real and no less illegal just because a nuclear submarine then happened to be in the same harbour a few miles away. The letter sent to Alistair Dickinson by the British Communist Party (thanking him PAGE 2 CRACCUM APRIL 23

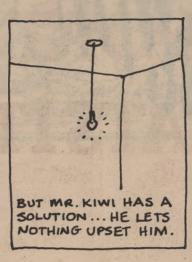
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These things are a disgrace. Weh spoken out against them. I hope we continue to speak out against such without fear of intimidation.

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'Outside people and organisations are ing an interest in this matter and are strong suspicion that they have motinot necessarily related to the welfare New Zealand and New Zealanders but the fabrication of adverse propagand for dissemination elsewhere.'

The Auckland Council for Civil Liberties makes no secret of the fact that it has taken a strong interest in the mof Bastion Point as well as, would you believe, the welfare of New Zealanden As to 'adverse propaganda', the facts on which it can be compiled are all to conspicuous: there is no need for 'fabrication'.

New Zealanders in increasing numbers only too aware that freedom of spis in jeopardy; and our public protest march and meeting on this topic last September were strongly supported.

September were strongly supported. I suspect that the defence of freed of speech against Government attack be one of the ACCL's chief concerns in the future. One glance at the situation Queensland is enough to show how ea is, if the people are apathetic, for a Government to withdraw their democration rights without a shot being fired. Whe freedom of speech is openly attacked, on a big scale in Queensland and on a small scale here, it is seen to be fragile enough. But what if the attack is an a lique and subtle one? Some of the thi that Ian Cross, chairman of the Broad. casting Corporation, has been saying lately are disturbing, to say the least. M Cross is worried about the 'unsettling' effect of any criticism of officialdom being broadcast on radio or television. thinks such criticism might cause 'expres ions of anger or anxiety to just about public figure in the land.

From here, it is an easy matter for Cross, with the support of Sir John Marshall's successors in office, to ensurthat the only broadcast news and critic to which the people of New Zealand are exposed is not likely to cause 'anxiety to any public figure in the land.' In shor censorship. Consider the enormous powers already wielded under the Broadcasting Act by the State Corporation of which Mr Cross is the chairman, as well as its closeness to the Government.

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A spokesman for the OAU, the assistant secretary-general, has stated: 'New Zealand must taken all practical steps to ensure an end to all sporting relations with South Africa. The OAU is aware that other nations have sporting relations with South Africa.

'However, the special relationship that exists between New Zealand and South Africa, especially in the field of rugby together with the policies adopted by the National Government in 1974, have focussed the legitimate attention of the international community on New Zealand.

'We are especially concerned by reports that a New Zealand Cabinet Minister and Government MP's have spoken out in favour of New Zealand taking part in this event. We know that the supporters of apartheid inside South Africa have taken great comfort from these comments.

The OAU is further aware that New Zealand is to host the South African rugby team in 1981. We are bewildered and angry that after all that has happened over the past three years, that such a visit could be even remotely contemplated.

As a signatory to the Gleneagles agreement, New Zealand must take all practical steps to ensure an end to all sporting relations between New Zealand and South Africa. This is especially true of the 1981 rugby tour.

The Government has already stated that visas will not be refused to members of the Springbok team. The Rugby Union is adamant that the Springbok tour will

As one of the Rugby Union officials in South Africa stated in relation to the 1981 Springbok tour: 'Surely nothing can go wrong'. We can assure him that everything can go wrong, especially when a minority insist on forcing the majority to accept continuing support for such a vile and abhorent system as apartheid.

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Don, sat his face aglow with childish pride as he swished his signature beneath his first Letraset. Don squealed in delight, clapping his hands feverishly together and a little gurgly noise was emitted from the throat. David moved in and looked over his shoulder. He patted Don affectionately on the head, muttering softly, 'My boy, My boy.' Claw joined the ecstatic couple, peering over both their heads. 'Another selfmade man,' he whispered, turning his head as he blinked away the saline droplets. Selwyn craned his neck, looking over Claw's head. 'Obviously a prodigenous talent in the budding,' he said, with a true critic's panache. Mike smiled in the distance. Another artist,' he thought. Eugenie patted Don's hand, but David B, hating emotional scenes, dragged her gently away. 'Come and read my Police Offences article,' he crooned. Sarah had just emerged from the typesetting room and, wondering what the cafuffle was about, failed to see Fiona's clarinet lying rejected on the floor, and added another bruise to its already battered hide. Brian could not longer ignore the proceedings. He walked sullenly across and remarked cruelly, 'The y is askew,' His sentence was cut short by the horrified gasps of Don's admirers. But as the last kick knocked the breath out of his emaciated frame, he managed to rasp, 'Get well soon, Tara.' Biddy's head popped from the darkroom. 'No thanks,' she said. Philanthropy appals me.

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It is envisaged that there will be intense legal wrangles over the final result of the Special General Meeting of the Auckland University Students' Association held in the Recreation Centre last Thursday. For the record, by a very close vote the Association decided to wind up the activities of the Student Travel Bureau by 161 votes to 143.

But more on that later.

It was an impressive estimated 470 students that gathered in the Rec Centre in what is probably the biggest student meeting since the heady days of the early sixties. The venue was perfect too - much better than the cafe or B28 although the accoustics at time seemed to resemble Noah wailing inside the stomach of a whale. But on the whole the meeting was orderly and the few interjections were at least humorous or in good taste.

Anyway, I wander. El Presidente, Janet Roth, called the meeting to order at ten minutes past one. Unlike a conventional General Meeting, a Special General Meeting is called for, as you may have picked up, a special reason, and in this case discussion was limited to the Students' Association 1978 Annual Accounts and the various motions put forward concerning the future of Student Travel Bureau. Thus SGM's are often more exciting affairs being devoid of boring twaddle that has to be waded through every year.

First up for the consideration of the masses was the question of the Annual Accounts for 1978. This item had been held over from the Autumn General Meeting (AGM) held a few weeks ago. This holding over was to give students ering scrutiny and raise all these important appoints and ask lots of interesting but alas it was not to be this time around either. The adoption of the accounts was held over once again at least until the next scheduled General Meeting in late July, carly August.....for what reason this was done I'm still not quite sure since sufficient time has elapsed since the accounts came out for students to get hold of a copy and read them at their leisure. But then, who am I to question the will of the

Next up was the question which everybody had come along to vote on, that of the future or otherwise of STB. A rapid intake of breath and then we were away.

The first motion was moved by none other than our ever friendly Sports
Office., Peter Monteith, coupled with a seconding from that bursaries demo miracle-worker Keven Hague. Their motion motion was:

'THAT AUSA move at NZUSA May Council that STB Ltd be wound up as quickly as possible in an orderly fashion.'

Monteith as mover of the motion spoke first and gave an outline of what he saw the problems of STB were and how in his opinion, rather than keeping the company alive, it should be wound up quickly before before it lirags more money out of AUSA. His speech was surprisingly mild and was not marked by any real shit slinging at the management or workers of the company.

After Monteith spoke, the motion then was open for discussion by those present.

Merv Prince, last year's President, gave perhaps one of the most confused speeches of the day which included such gems as 'throughout 1978....which was last year...' The audience bored visibly while he spoke and everyone heaved huge sighs of relief when he finished. And on it went with both sides fielding an array of speakers who ranged from the sublime in the case of Chris Tennet. It was clear even from an PAGE 4 CRACCUM APRIL 23

Fly Away STB?



If you've never been to an Association SGM, this is what they look like

early stage of the meeting that both camps were evenly supported by the masses present. A close result was assured. Discussion raged for over 40 minutes and in all about 10 people bared their oratorial

But enough was enough and as the time drew closer and closer to 2 o'clock relief hove into sight with the much awaited 'Move that the Motion be Put'. This was carried by a clear majority.

Monteith then gave his right of reply. It was short and sweet......Roth then re-read the motion, explained the consequences of voting for or against and then it was nut

The first vote, on voices alone, was

inconclusive

The second vote, utilising the much vaunted 'raise your right hands' was inconclusive due to the sheer numerical size of those present.

A division was called and those voting for or against were made to assemble on the floor of the Gym at opposite ends of the room. A head count was made. Inconclusive. Finally the powers-that-be decided on counting them one by one.

Result: Motion carried by 161 to 143. Chorus of cheers and boos from the

It was then that the fun began. Under Rule 10B of the Constitution any motion that fails to gain a two-thirds majority of

those present and voting becomes a contentious issue and must be put before students in the form of a Referendum. Immediate confusion as the victors protested over the possibility of winning on the day and being pipped at the post at a later stage. They argued that the constitution, if interpreted correctly, meant that a referendum could be called if the vote failed to get two-thirds of those voting for or against (161 plus 143 = 304) as well as those students who abstained (150). They believed that people who abstained were actually voting and therefore the motion was passed conclusively when the abstainers were added to the

President Roth looked momentarily flustered but saved the situation nicely with a promise to the meeting that the Association lawyers would be consulted for a legal definition of the term 'present and voting'.

The meeting moved on and with barely a murmur proceeded to vote in favour of the second STB motion, also Monteith/Hague:

THAT AUSA move at NZUSA May Council council that NZUSA make arrangements for the marketing of the ISIC (or an internal flight card if necessary) at the current price, the AUSTS debt and other STB debts to be repaid from the surplus income income and the price of the card to revert to cost once the debts are paid.

(A strange situation perhaps where one motion is so closely contested and the new not? Not really when you consider that close on 150 plus left as soon as the result of the first motion was known.)

Shortly after 2pm discussion finally goround to the remaining motions on the agenda, but the time honoured quorum count showed that the meeting had less than the required 200 students and the whole caboodle shut-up shop at 2.10.

Immediately after the meeting the Association Secretary, Bob Lack, rang the lawyers for their opinion.

Verdict?

It was a contentious issue and a referendum would have to be called. Later that day the executive met and concurred with the ruling given by the lawyers and a referendum will be held next Thursday 26 April to vote on the motion, 'THAT AUSA move at NZUSA May Council that STB 'Ltd be wound up as soon as possible in an orderly fashion'.

Polling booths will be set up around the campus and it is expected to be a heavy turnout. If the referendum motion is lost then another SGM has been called for the day after, the 27 April, to discuss the question of guarantees to STB.

Because the whole STB has been declared a contentious issue Craccum is bound by the constitution to ensure that we do not give unfair advantage to either side and remain impartial (power of the press? That's why this article is not as in-depth a l'd have liked, as it could have been construed as favouritism. That is also why a scheduled advertisement for Studen. Student Travel Bureau was taken out late Thursday night, losing Craccum almost \$100 in income.

The Executive has granted Craccum money to produce another broadsheet similar to last week's effort, and this will hit the streets on Tuesday or Wednesday. If you have anything to say then get it in to us by 3.30 on MONDAY AFTER. NOON so that it can be included.

So there you are. A pyrrhic victory of sorts? We'll not know till Thursday night. Stay tuned for further developments.

David Merritt



Peter Monteith hides his face, Chris Gosling, NZUSA President, looks intent on reading the agenda, and I'm bored silly with Merv's speech and consider the Rec Centre's sound system.



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Imagine a society where you faced three months imprisonment if you associated, however innocently, with persons who had a reputation, however undeserved, as thieves. Where a similar penalty could be imposed on you if you were unable to prove to the satisfaction of a magistrate that you had a lawful means of support. Where justice was dispensed in the same even-handed manner to those who invited such persons to their homes.

I hope these speculations haven't taxed your imaginative faculties. You aren't being asked to envisage Russia during the Stalinist purges, Hitler's Germany, or any of the totalitarian regimes which currently pockmark the globe. This is New Zealand. Now. The vagrancy provisions of the Police Offences Act authorise the police to charge you with any of the 'offences' outlined above.

Our vagrancy laws are derived from English statutes such as the 1547 Slavery Act which declared among other things

Idleness and vagabondry is the mother and root of all thefts, robberies and all evil acts.

Social conditions and attitudes have changed since 16th century England. The legal system has however witnessed this process with majestical indifference. If the vagrancy laws were allowed to lapse into desuctude, a quaint relic from an antique past, their continued presence on the statute books would not be a cause for concern. Unfortunately the police, endowed with very wide powers by the statute, use it as a catch-all section. In 1969, the latest statistics I could find, 792 people, engaged in a diverse range of activites, were charged under the vagrancy sections. In this article I intend to examine several of these provisions and suggest that they represent a severe and unwarrented curtailment of the rights of citizens in a supposedly democratic society

Section 50 provides that:

Where any constable has reasonable cause to believe that any person has no lawful means of support or has insufficient lawful means of support he may arrest such person...

If such person fails to prove to the satisfaction of the Court that he has sufficient lawful means of support or that such means of support as he has are lawful he shall be liable to a fine not exceeding \$200 or to imprisonment for a term of 3 months.

The fact that any person charged under this section can produce or prove that he possesses money or property shall not be be taken into account in deciding such charge unless he shows by his own or other evidence that he honestly obtained such money or property.

The potential for police abuse of this section is obvious. If the friendly local bobby wants to have a look at you down at the station all he needs to do is assume an air of scepticism as to your means of support before running you in. Similarly, if the police want to break up a group of demonstrators, Section 50 will efficiently divert the march into the police cells. The only restriction on police action is that they must have 'reasonable grounds' for suspecting that a person has no lawful means of support. However, this nebulous requirement has little practical significance. Subsection (3) shows that a fat wallet and suave exterior need not necessarily allay police suspicions. I can't envisage a situation where a policeman couldn't solemnly aver that 'something didn't seem quite right about him'. Magistrates are reluctant to question police integrity and so the 'reasonable grounds' requirement provides scant protection to the citizen.

The vagueness of the section by itself points to the need for drastic revision. The circumstances in which the police can invoke this section need to be clearly defined.

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THE POLICE OFFENCES ACT 1927

An Act to consolidate certain enactments of the General Assembly relating to the suppression of various offences

1. Short Title, etc.—(1) This Act may be cited as the Police Offences Act 1927, and it shall come into force on the 1st (2) This Act is divided into Parts, as follows:

PART I—General Police Provisions. (Sections 3 to 39.) PART II-Indecency and Vagrancy. (Sections 40 to

PART III—Billiard Rooms and Boxing and Wrestling PART IV—Miscellaneous Provisions. (Sections 73 to 87.)

2. Interpretation—In this Act, if not inconsistent with the context,— Elizabeth I kept 80 wigs.

"Local authority" means the body or persons in whom the property in any public place is vested, or who have the management or control of any public place "Public place" includes and applies to every road, street, footpath, footway, court, alley, and thoroughfare of

a public nature, or open to or used by the public as of right, and to every place of public resort so open Cf. 1908, No. 146, s. 2

A definition of the term "imprisonment" was repealed by s. 6 of the Police As to "public place", see s. 40 of this Act.

As to the arrest without a warrant of persons found offending against the provisions of this Act, see s. 315 (2) (c) of the Crimes Act 1961.

As to the apprehension, with or without a warrant, of persons found offending against Part II of this Act, see s. 60, of this Act.

GENERAL POLICE PROVISIONS Obstructions and Breaches of Good Order

The police tactic of charging ship girls under Section 50 clearly shows the dangers involved in giving the police these wide powers. There is no law in the statute books making it an offence to be a ship girl. The police are usurping the legislative function when they forbid such conduct. The vague terms of the Vagrancy Sections, which provide a pretext for police vigilance in this area, need to be amended to prevent such arbitrary action by a body whose supposed function is the enforcement of the will of Parliament as represented in the precise legislation it

The section is also objectionable in that it discriminates against those whose life styles deviate from the norm. It enables the police to harass those for whom the Protestant work ethic has little attraction and live in a communal situation where those without 'lawful means of support' are provided for by their companions.

There is slightly more justification for the section if it is used by the police to pick up impoverished drifters likely to be drawn into criminal activity. However it is hardly fair to prosecute a person before he has committed a crime, solely because of police suspicion that he will offend in the future. Also the Criminal Law is a blunt instrument for the promotion of social reform. A 3-month jail sentence or heavy fine is unlikely to have too beneficial an affect on the recipient. Similarly the use of the section to clear drunks off the street is not the most effective way of dealing with the problem as shown by the high rate of reoffending. Attempts at rehabilitation by the police are confined to checking the cell every 3 hours to ensure that their ward isn't choking to death in his own vomit. The police are not qualified, nor have they the facilities, to do more. It is not surprising that their efforts have little effect.

To conclude, Section 50 is ill-fitted for the welfare function which is its sole justification. Furthermore it gives the police dangerously wide powers not consonant with the role of a law enforcement agency in a democratic society.

Section 49 impinges upon the liberty of the individual even more drastically, declaring that:

Every person shall be deemed an idle and disorderly person within the meaning of this Act, and be liable to a fine not exceeding \$200 or to imprisonment for any term not exceeding 3 months a) who is the occupier of any house frequented by reputed thieves or persons who have no lawful means of support; or b) who habitually consorts with reputed thieves or prostitutes or persons who have no visible means of support.

The language in Section 50 appears crystal clear in comparison with these provisions. When does a person acquire a reputation as a thief? If the local greengrocer suspects that a causal relationship exists between my presence in his shop and the disappearance of his choice

watermelon does that satisfy the requirements of the section? In any event the law should not concern itself with something as uncertain and frequently misleading as a person's reputation.

More importantly, this law infringes upon the citizen's right to associate with whomsoever he pleases. The Section assumes that decent people don't associate with the down and outs of society except for criminal ends. This characterisitic of the Act, imputing the basest motives to a person's actions, leads to ridiculous conclusions. Presumably Probation Officers and other social workers only act on polce sufferance and are liable at any moment to be constrained to continue their counselling activites within the confines of one of Her Majesty's peni entiaries. If the Section is designed to protect citizens from pernicious influence that is not a proper function of the law. more important principle is at stake than the paternalisite desire to protect people from the consequences of their own folly namely a person's right to meet, talk with and learn from people living in different circumstances, regardless of the distaste respectable personnages have for that environment. Recently the Government defended its decision to issue passports New Zealand rugby players travelling to South Africa with the proud declaration that to place restrictions on freedom of movement is inconsistant with our demo cratic way of life. One hopes, but unfortunately can't expect, that the Government will be motivated by these same lofty principles to repeal repressive legislation such as Section 49..

Section 52 relates to persons referred to in the sympathetic terminology of the law as rogues and vagabonds. Those suffering under this appellation are liable to a fine not exceeding \$400 or to 1 year imprisonment. You qualify as a rogue and vagabond if you:

52(a) ...have been previously convicted an idle and disorderly person; or 52(j) ...being suspected person or repute thief, frequent any port or harbour...or any other public place...with a felonious

Those who regularly trespass across the bounds of due propriety as delineate in Sections 49 and 50 render themselves liable not to the same penalty but to one more severe. The offence is the same, it is hardly fair that a person should be convicted of a more serious crime because of earlier transgressions.

This interesting legal principle of convicting a person on the basis of his criminal record is carried a step further in 52(j). To satisfy the requirements of this section the person committing the offence must be a reputed thief. The section supports the logic which pervades the Vagrancy provisions, that if a man ha sinned once he must be on the verge of doing so again. It is to counter such unjust suspicions that juries are not told the criminal history of the person whose guilt they are deliberating upon. Unfort ately such safeguards do not have any application to the sections considered. The police are spared the tedious chored establishing a person's guilt by reference to his actions, the case is practically concluded upon production of the suspect's criminal record.

To conclude, the Vagrancy provision the Police Offences Act make it an offen to act in a way which those withough keep ledge of this repressive legislation would consider wholly innocent. The Sections make illegal the exercise of rights basic a democratic society, such as the right of freedom of association. Furthermore the imprecise language of the provisions endow the police with very wide powers which are open to abuse. For these reasons the Vagrancy Provisions should be either drastically amended or done away with altogether.

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Freedom of information exercises are der way in Britain, Australia, Canada d New Zealand as governments toy ith the prospects of trying to reduce vernment secrecy. The problem, as Isiders see it, is whether politicians bureaucrats really have the will to inge the system.

AKING TRUST A TWO WAY STREET

In the few democracies that still exist the world today there is growing awaress amongst individuals that freedom is uable, participation necessary and countability essential.

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Those words have more importance day than when spoken by the American torney - General in 1968. Not only are re fewer democracies left today, there fewer natural world resources. Every lividual skill, thought, idea, considered nion, authority and expertise is now eded to save our vanishing world and ninishing democracies.

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individuals. These individuals operate on the basis of information with which they alone are familiar. These decisions are often in direct conflict with those made by people well qualified within the private

sector.
The research that government makes or receives that is of a technical and factual nature and on which decisions are contemplated should be made available to the public and in particular to interest groups. Information released in time for participation in the decision making process.

Responsibility for the env today is a grave responsibility. The deadly nature of the type and use of chemicals, nuclear power, the problem of ever increasing industrial waste, the husbanding of our natural resources entail decisions the effects of which extend beyond our individual needs. They can extend beyond that of our national welfare, extend to the responsibility we have to the environmental world around us.

The right to know has become so urgent that there must be positive compulsion to reveal.

In Britain an Official Information Bill has recently received its second reading debate in the House of Commons, twelve years after the American Freedom of Information Act came into effect. The bill got a thumping majority.

In December last year, New Zealand ratified the United Nations Covenant on civil and political rights which refers to both the principle of freedom of information and privacy.

Currently the government appointed Committee on Official Information is considering these issues. If their recom-

mendations are not secret we may expect a step forward when they release their conclusions later this year.

We all have a ri ht to know, many of us hope that the future holds the making of trust a two way street in New Zealand. Nobody wins in the game of politics when the wrong decisions are made as a result of inadequate information.

In the field of public health and safety, can there be justification for withholding information regarding public safety? Facts and figures should be made available to those in the community who help monitor public safety. How often do citizens hear of, suspect, or observe questionable health or safety situations that are not revealed to a government inspector? How much pollution goes undetected through mistrust and lack of co-operation? How much through unrevealed departmental mistakes? Does secrecy cost lives?

In any welfare state it is the taxpayer who supports the bureaucracy and for whose benefit the bureaucracy exists.

When an individual is subjected to dramatic price rises, growing government debts, increasing restrictions, and has fewer facilities, he has a right to some accountability.

His financial support is an enormous resource at government's disposal, he has the right to know how government plans to use this resource. He should have the knowledge to be able to participate in proposed public ventures, to easily monitor progress and change, to help plan his future. Accountability and individual participation will bring reassurance, participation and growth of our nation.



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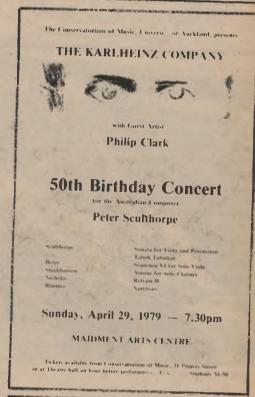


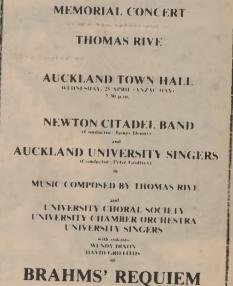
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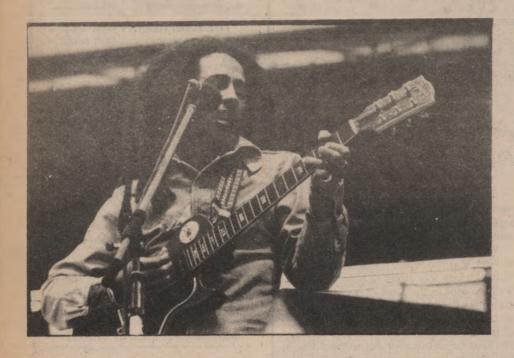




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Singing In The Rain



A depression had settled over the North Island of New Zealand on Tuesday night and so by Wednesday morning it looked like the Bursaries March would be cancelled owing to the rain (in fact it was cancelled three times between the hours of 12 noon and 1.25 pm)

Comments like, 'Not going out in weather ike that' and 'They must be mad to go ahead with it' were heard frequently in discussions about the possibility of the march going ahead.

At approximately 12.45 pm, a small roup of students had gathered in the Quad., determined that the march was going to go ahead regardless of the weather.

But when, a couple of minutes later, approx. 100 students from Auckland Technical Institute arrived, more University students started gathering, dressed in parkas, great-coats and clutching umbrellas and banners.

By 1.10 pm, a very sizable number of students (estimated at 1,600) had gathered. Patriotic speeches were made reminding us that we were students and that we needed the increase (this we were to keep reminding ourselves as we walked down in the rain), and by 1.25 om we started strolling down Queen St but without the permission to do so.

Pamphlets were handed out to people in cars and on the footpath, Ken Newlands using the P.A. system on the truck in

front of the march, told everybody what was happening and lead us on chants, which on the whole were fairly

Only one person who had something bad to say about the march and that was a passing taxi-driver. Generally, though, the public seemed apathetic to what was nappening around them.

When we finally arrived at Trillos in Downtown, Janet Roth (President of A.U.S.A.) and Leanna Wilson (Vicepresident of A.T.I.S.A.) spoke for 3 to 5 minutes each about the general lack of concern, by government, on the welfare of students. Then a bit of a power struggle

Kevin Hague took the stand and informed us that we weren't to march back up Queen Street, that we were to put all banners on the back of the truck and quietly disperse. (Nods of approval from the near-by police; groans of disapproval from the students). Chris Tennet grabbed the microphone from him and said that we should march back up Queen Street. (Murmurs of disapproval from police; shouts of agreement from students).

However it was not to be. The masses were ordered by Kevin to do as they were told and like good students, we did as we were told.

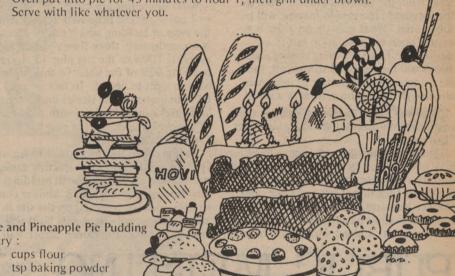
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- chicken can condensed cream of, or 2 cream packets chicken of (made into a thick fairly liquid)
- frozen packet small peas
- skinned, medium-sized tomatoes, sliced
- large crisp packet potato
- cheese tablespoons, grated finely
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- Set 350 degrees F at the oven, or Mark 4
- Tunny the flake fish and drain, or the guernard cut pieces into
- Into the fish put a layer of casserole ovenproof, half with the soup, half with the peas, tomatoes with the half of, and half of the crisps.
- Layer the repeat, crisp and grated with remaining cheese.
- Oven put into pie for 45 minutes to hour 1, then grill under brown.



Sage and Pineapple Pie Pudding Pastry

- 1½ cups flour
- salt of pinch

- Dry butter into rub ingredients and beat with mixed egg.
- Line a dish pie about 10" by 6" and 11/2" deep, with the pastry.
- Fork base all over with a pierce (otherwise crupting starts so many mud pools
- Bake for about 350 degrees F at 20 minutes.
- Cool to allow.

Filling:

- sugar cup
- hot cup water

pinch salt

- cornflour tablespoon heaped
- custard tablespoon heaped powder half of a lemon juice
- crushed tin of pineapple
- Boil sugar and water to bring.
- Blend salt, cornflour and custard powder with water a little, add to water, and
- Cook 5 for minutes madly, stirring.
- Cool to allow, add lemon pine and apple.
- Shell pie fill and set in put to fridge.
- Cream on blob when needed.

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Auckland University students have a stake in one of the most valuable pieces of land in central Auckland.

As recipients of the rent from the block enclosed by Queen, Victoria, Elliot and Darby streets, any development of that

land should be of great concern to us.
Under the 1912 Education Reserves Act the land in this block was vested in the Public Trustee as a reserve for educational purposes. The University has allocated income from this site for the purpose of financing student hostels but the money is also used for other student facilities, eg. the Recreation Centre, International house, and Collingwood Street

The condition of the existing buildings on the site has given the Public Trustee as administrator of the land the opportunity to plan for its redevelopment - this is great from the varsity's point of view as the inevitable increase in income will be substantial. What goes up on a site is a matter open to speculation but if we assume the Town Planning zoning Regulations will be exploited to the full, the development may result in an inhuman and unsightly blot on central Auckland.

Who will listen to student opinions on environmental issues if we accept another 'Downtown''?

Three prominent development firms have been invited to submit proposals and find financiers for the development. Of the three, Fletchers, Civil and Civic, and Hooker-Mainzeal, at least two, Fletchers and Civil & Civic have no firm commitment question because whatever is built will

Development and Construction for Fletchers believes that in the current economic climate the feasibility of a development this size is doubtful. There is already an excess of office space in the CBD, the site is leasehold and there are no clients with the required amount of money. However, he also believes that if construction did take place it would have to be as large as possible to justify the initial expense.

Are we concerned students? Do we care what happens on this land? Now is our chance to air our ideas. Aspects which we should be convincing developers to take into consideration are

size and location of the development visual impact

- shading problems (their effect on pedest-

rian areas). NB. A large development on this site would directly shade a large part of the suggested Queen Street Mall.

wind tunnelling effects.

Looking at the proposed district scheme the type of building which can be erected is approximately three floors of building covering 100% of the site plus 13 stories covering 60% of the site. To this noone has the right to object. In fact an even taller building (ie. 20 stories under conditional use) can be attained with the Council's approval which in the past has been a mere formality.

Is it possible for the council to set rules limiting building heights affecting sunlight and shadow as was done with buildings surrounding Aotea Square? Similar constraints could be imposed on the site in to the project. Indeed, Mr Stubbs, head of drastically effect the Queen Street Mall

and the public's enjoyment of the pedestrian areas.

The Public Trust has expressed an intention to bear the community's interest in mind and therefore it is hoped economics will not be the sole factor determining the type of development. It should be our concern to ensure that these intentions are realised for several reasons:

First – if the development is attractive and popular with the public it logically follows that tenants will be prepared to pay more in leases; the outcome being to our financial advantage. On the other hand if the development is unpopular and unsuccessful (for example the ANZ building which still has empty floors) income from the site will be reduced.

Secondly - It is we, the younger generation, that must live with this development for years to come. As professionals, many of us will have to work in Queen St, which should add an extra incentive to initiate a suitable environment.

Thirdly - This development will, due to its size and prominence, set the style for future buildings in Queen Street. If it is an environmentally aware development it is likely similar well thought out buildings will follow. However, if it is a shortsighted, a scene will be set for further degeneration of downtown Auckland.

This issue will be debated at a public meeting on Monday 23rd April, 7.30 pm, Professional Club Rooms - Kitchener St. Don't leave it up to the Architects' Assn and similar established bodies to speak on your behalf. Come and make sure the student voice is heard.

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Less yoghurt was spilt in this earlier encounter but there was plenty of excitement on the board. In the 21st game Korchnoi annihilated Karpov in just 19 moves. From the diagrammed position he continued with the stunning:



1. Nh7! The main line runs 1...Kh7; 2. Qh6ch, Kg8; 3. Qg6ch, Kh8; 4. Qh6ch, Kg8; 5. Be4, f5; 6. Bd5ch, Rf7; 7. Qg6 ch and White wins 2. Qh6 Ne5

2. Qh6

3. Ng5 Bg5 4. Bg5 Q95

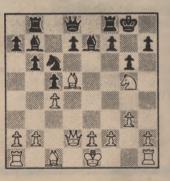
Black must part with his queen as otherwise 5. Bf6 and mate on h8 follows.

5. Qg5 Bd5

6. 0-0 6. cd5, Nf3ch; winning the queen back would be an unfortunate lapse.

> Bc4 Resigns

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In this week's problem White is to play and win quickly. Solutions should be handed in at the Craccum office by midday Thursday. The first correct solution drawn out of a hat wins in prize of a double pass to either the Classic or Hollywood Cinemas.

The solution to last week's problem was 1. Rg7ch, Kh8; 2. Rh7ch, Kg8; 3. g7 and wins since with the bishop no longer on h8 3 ... Ra8 loses to 4. Rh8ch

Last week's winner was D. Notley. Tickets can be picked up at the Craccum

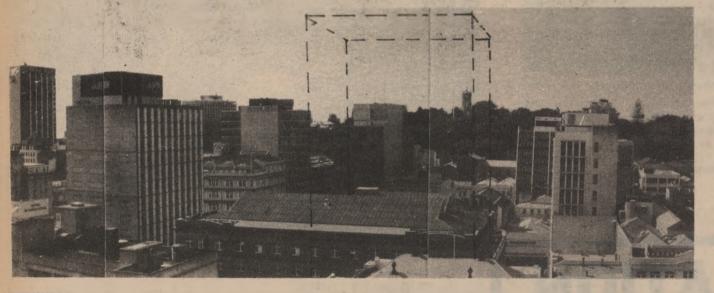
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ALGAEBRAIC NOTATION

Each square has one designation only. The horizontal ranks are labelled a to h from White's end. Normal symbols are used (note that N stands for Knight). except that pawns as such are not mentioned; just the arrival square is given for a non-capturing pawn move.

Some examples: P-K4 (White's move) N-OB3 (Black's move) - Nc6

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NDAY 6 MAY

Depart from Auckland University Opening Session at Motu

Moana Camp Panel:

Current Developments in South East Asia

Speakers: W. Pollard, L. Cassidy, Rep from O.S.S.

(Aust) 6.30 pm Dinner

8.00 pm Informal Social Gathering 10.30 pm Supper and Informal discussion

MONDAY 7 MAY

10.30 pm

8.00 pm Breakfast 9.00 pm Forum:

Trade Unionism, its place in society

Speaker from NZ trade union 1.00 pm Lunch

Supper and informal

Sports and games 2.30 pm 6.30 pm Dinner Films and slides 8.00 pm

TUESDAY 8 MAY

8.00 pm Breakfast 9.00 pm Workshop: (a) Malaysia and Singapore

i. History: the Making of a Neo-colony Economy: 20 Years after Merdeka

iii Racial Problem: Divide and rule iv Party Politics: the power struggle

v Social Progress vi Cultural subversion

(b) South Pacific 12.00 pm Summary of Workshop

1.30 pm Lunch Preparation for Cultural 2.30 pm

Evening

6.00 pm Dinner Informal Cultural evening 8.00 pm

11.00 pm Supper **WEDNESDAY 9 MAY**

8.00 am Breakfast 9.00 am Workshop: Role of Students Introduction by rep. from FUEMSSO (U.K.)

1.00 pm Lunch 2.30 pm Plenary **Election of NOSAC Officers**

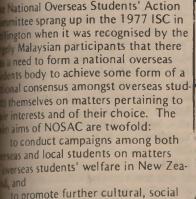
6.00 pm Dinner 8.00 pm Farewell Gathering

THURSDAY 10 MAY

8.00 am Breakfast 10.00 am Depart from Camp

** All interested please contact local NOSAC Representative c/o local Students' Association.

BRIATIONAL DENTS?



to promote further cultural, social political exchanges between overseas ints and the New Zealand people.

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· History of ISC

Prior to the 1977 ISC held in Wellington the Overseas Students' Congress as it was then New Zealand students. called was a biennial affair. Since then, however, it is held annually as it was generally 1977: opined that two years was too long a time for In 1977, the organisation of the ISC, as it overseas and local students to get together subsequently is called, fell under the hands and learn from each other.

The germ for the formulation of the ISC became a group of some numerical significance and it was realised that some sort of regular coordination was needed. Thus was born the idea of the ISC.

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In 1971 the the OSC was held in Curious Cove, a remote campsite near Picton at the welfare and social problems of overseas stud- the Victoria University Students Union was ents was the main theme of the Congress.

The second OSC was held in Lincoln College, Christchurch, in 1973. The major emphasis of the Congress was the discussion free flow of ideas among small but intimate of the growing welfare and mushrooming immigration problems confronting the overseas students.

In 1975 the OSC was held in Knock-Na-Gree, 'Hill of the Brave', some 12 miles out of Auckland. As an indication of the growing awareness of the students towards the environment and the world around them.

of the ways and means of getting overseas students to be more active in campuses. The emphasis on change and how to work effectively towards change focused on the international issues affecting overseas and

of the overseas students' clubs in Wellington With activities ranging from forums and panel discussions on students' welfare, the cuthack arose when overseas students in New Zealand discussions on students' welfare, the cutback of overseas students by the New Zealand Government, the role of foreign 'aid', the overseas and New Zealand students' movement, women's role in society, Colonialism and Neo-colonialism in South East Asia and the South Pacific, the nuclear free zone in the South Pacific, the East Timor issue, and the Maori land rights to cultural items contritip of the South Island. The emphasis on the buted by students of different nationalities, packed by some 300 students.

> The inclusion of three social and cultural evenings provided the atmosphere for a groups of students. The warmth and laughter that was generated among the groups prevailed throughout the Congress and was manifested in the way that each participant contributed his/her part in the impromptu cultural items that sprang up and in the exchanges of ideas among them. It was also at this Congress that NOSAC was formed.

The understanding of the nature of social injustices, poverty and inequality prevalent in our society must be coupled with the understanding of our fellow students and people. Only thus can we develop friendship amongst ourselves and hence Unity in the common action to bring about a society with no poverty and starvation; a society free from exploitation and oppression; and a society based on justice and equality. Such is the theme of the 1978 Congress held at the University University of Canterbury, Christchurch. This was achieved through the provision of activites ranging from workshop discussions, sports recreation, a scenic tour of Christchurch, social gatherings to a grand cultural concert.

The forum on the welfare of overseas students was quite an eye-opener for many. Seemingly unrelated welfare problems of immigration, employment, the Latos test, and the cut down in the intake of overseas students, was revealed to have serious political overtones.

In the forum on overseas students movement, it was deemed that it is very important to carry on the raising of consciousness of students to the plight of peoples who have suffered and are suffering injustices in their home countries. In tying in with this aspect, the understanding of, and the support for the Maori people in their struggle for the return of their land, comes natural. The theme for the Congress was recurrent in the other discussion topics of Women in the Third World Countries, the New The highlight of the Congress was the cultural concert, There were items contributed by friends from the South Pacific, Asia and as far away as South America. The lives and aspirations of the people of the various nationalities were well portrayed through songs, dances and sketches. The social and farewell gathering generated an atmosphere of joy and laughter with touching and brilliant displays of wit and asperity as in the sketch on the various forms of imperialism put forward by the Wellington students.

The 1978 ISC has witnessed the growing enthusiasm of overseas students s and the local students in working towards a common project. The success of the Congress was built on the spirit of cooperation established by the ISC committee in Christchurch, and it shows that friendship, understanding and the solidarity between overseas students and New Zealanders are goals that should be aspired to.

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RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN INDO-CHINA

In the victorious cause of national liberation, the people of Indochina had been striving through enormous hardship shoulder to shoulder against imperialism. It is the firm determination and concerted efforts in safeguarding their national sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity that wins high praise from the world. Both Vietnam and Kampuchea gained complete liberation in April, 1975. Since then, the three governments of Indochina reaffirmed their immediate task of Socialist construction to rebuild the nations.

However, peace had not been fully granted to the heroic Indochina people who soon painfully saw the Vietnam-Kampuchea border war escalated to full-scale invasion of Kampuchea by Vietnam. The Sino-Vietnamese border conflict later sparked off the China's dramatic time and space limited incursion into Northern Vietnam. The situation became more complicated when sources reported killings of Russians and Cubans in the Kampuchean counter-attack.

The Two Superpowers in Indochina. Following the end of World war Two, U.S. imperialists began to intervene around the world. However with its humiliating defeat encountered in Indochina about 30 years later, its aggressive world dominating power rapidly declined. In the wake of the relative weakness of the U.S. imperialists, the Soviet socialimperialists on the other hand are becoming more aggressive and ruthless around the world. Figures indicated that the Soviet military spending for the fiscal year of 1976 is about 24 per cent more than that of the U.S. projected outlay. The Soviet Union as a contending superpower is taking the offensive role to dominate and influence many parts of Africa and Asia.

Vietnam's Invasion of Kampuchea The Vietnam-Kampuchea border conflict has been going on for more than three years since their respective liberations. Clashes along the border had, been intensified towards the end of 1977. Early 1978, Vietnam launched its largescale military violations and encroachments on the Kampuchean border territory. The Revolutionary Army of Kampuchea managed to wipe out the Vietnamese invading forces. Then on the Christmas day of 1978, the Vietnamese authorities dispatched a dozen divisions of regular troops backed by Soviet tanks, plans and naval vessels, launched a lightning thrust into Democratic Kampuchea. The main towns and great portion of the countryside were rapidly occupied. Phnom penh soon fell into the hands of the invading troops. The Pol Pot government had to make a rather

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hasty retreat.



Chinese Counter-attack

Vietnamese Attempts at Regional

For more than 50 years, the present Victnamese ruling faction have dreamed of forming a Vietnamese dominated 'Indochina Federation'. To bring Laos under control, Vietnam has instituted what she termed "Special Relationship" with Laos. It has 50,000 troops and thousands of advisers stationed in Laos, whose economy is also heavily dependent on Soviet Union. Based on the "Special Relationship", the Vietnamese dominated many aspects of Lao internal affairs. Vietnam has attempted to establish the similar sort of "special relationship" or Special friendship" with Kampuchea. To force Kampuchea to join "Indochina Federation", all kinds of pressures, overt and covert, peaceful and war-like have been used to achieve this end. However. Vietnam failed in every move. With the aim of annihilating the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Kampuchea, Vietnam even went to the extent of engineering a number of coups against the government. Vietnam failed in every successive move before the full-scale invasion of Kampuchea.

Evidence shows that Vietnam concocted a puppet organisation "The Kampuchean National United Front for National Salvation" as their organisational tool for massive armed attack. Since the formation of the Kampuchean Communist Party in 1960, the leadership has insisted on the line of self-determination and self-reliance. This has been to the great displeasure of the Vietnamese leadership.

The Vietnamese invasions of Kampuchea have won the approval of the Soviet Union. In mid-August 1978, Moscow airlifted large quantities of arms including rockets to Vietnam. Within a few months, more

than 4000 Soviet military advisors were sent to the country. Later, MIG-23S and two 2000-tonne escort vessels were also being supplied. Clearly the Soviet Union encouraged Vietnam in regional expansion because it fitted exactly into the Soviet global strategy. Today, while the Kampuchean has begun a protracted people's war against the aggressors, there have been more reports on the killings of Russian and Cuban advisers.

The Sino-Vietnamese Border War
At the Vietnamese Army Day celebration rally on December 21st, 1978, the Vietnamese Defence Minister Vo Nguyen Giap openly called on the nation to be "aware of the new antagonist in War" and be "ready for a large-scale war". Four days later, Vietnam launched its full-scale attack on Kampuchea. Yet the Vietnamese excused China of practising

"big nation hegemonism".

Throughout 1978, the Vietnamese authorities have carried out war mobilization and intensified their troop deployment along the Sino-Vietnamese border. Internally the Vietnamese authorities adopted a hostile stand compelling the Chinese residents to take Vietnamese citizenship. Despite China's repeated protests against such unilateral and unjustifiable action, 200,000 Chinese, 95% of those from North Vietnam, were expelled or forced to leave Vietnam. The prime justification of the Vietnamese for the expulsions is that most of the Chinese are traders, merchants and small capitalists. Hence in the process of "socialist transformation" such occupational groups have to be dislocated. However, according to the Chinese refugees, the majority expelled are workers and peasants.

Since 1954, there have been territorial conflicts and disputes over the Sino-Vietnamese border. In 1954 and again in 1958, the Vietnamese prime minister Pham Van Dong signed an agreement with China in which he accepted Chinese Sovereignty over both the Paracels and the Spratly Islands. However, in 1975, the Vietnamese suddenly changed their position, claiming the two islands as their territory. China, treasuring the friendship between the Chinese and Vietnamese peoples repeatedly gave advice and warning to the Vietnamese authorities urging restraint to avoid

a worsening of the situation.

Towards the end of last year, the Vietnamese stepped up its encroachment on the Chinese territory along the border. Chinese frontier guards and inhabitants were being attacked and killed. In an official note to the United Nations the Chinese protested against the Vietnamese's military action along the Chinese border. They demanded the withdrawal of Vietnamese forces and warned that unless this was carried out Vietnam would have to bear the full

consequences.

In February this year, China launched their counter-attack against Vietnam. It captured Vietnamese territory near the border. The primary objective of the military incursion as the Chinese put it, was to teach Vietnam a lesson by show of force which seems to be the only thing that the Vietnamese and their Soviet backers understand. Certainly China will hinder Soviet and Vietnamese expansionism in the region. Vietnam and the Soviet Union termed it a military aggression. However one is much impressed to see that the Chinese fed their troops in the controlled operation on Chinese produced goods, left crops alone and returned grains destroyed to Vietnamese peasants. The eventual withdrawal of the Chinese troops plainly disproves Vietnam's claims that China is the biggest expansionist in South East Asia. In contrast, Vietnam's continued intervention in Kampuchea and Laos remained to be the main threat to the stability of the region.

MALAYS AND SINDE

Foreword: Historically the Malay Peninsula and the island of S'pore formed a single entity called 'Malaya'. Now these 2 territories are politically separate and belong to the Fed. of Malay a and the Republic of Singapore, respectively.

Colonisation of Malaya

Since the beginning of the 16th Century Malaya had been invaded in tunby the Portuguese, Dutch and the British. The Treaty of Pargher signed in 1874 between the British colonialists and the feudal lords in Perak heralded the annexation of Malaya into the British Empire. The British imperialists completed their colonising process by the beging of the 20th C by the use of gun-boal diplomacy and, through collaboration with the local traitors.

The British occupation of Malaya was of impecialist motive; to plunder the rice tin deposits for its industries, to exploit the fertile land for cash crop production (rubber), which can churn in huge capital and to prevent other imperialist powers (USA and Germany) from gaining control

of Malaya.

Ever since the beginning of the colonisation of Malaya to the 2nd World War, the British have been instituting various political, social and economic policies to ensure the continuity in the control of Malayan people.

British Policies in Malaya: Administration

A Western type administration consisting of the legal, banking and other commercial institutions was set up to increase the efficiency of exploitation of the natural resources. Legislations which were heavily weighted in favour of the British miners and planters were laid down.

Social Policies

Little was spent on the welfare and needs of the Malayan people. The bulk of the revenues were repatriated to Britain; the little that was left behind were used for the building up of infrastructure for greater exploitation and, for internal security (ie for the maintenance of British control).

Education was mainly centred on training up a small group of local clites. Thus Malay College was created to ensure a pool of Malay elites that can understand the colonialists' interests and can work hand in glove with them. Divide and Rule

The Malay peasants of the time would not be induced by the British to work in the mines and estates as it was still possible for them to open up land for cultivation. As a result large numbers of Chinese and Indian labourers were brown in. By the time the immigration process was halted in 1920 due to the Great Depression, the combined total of Chinese and Indians had exceeded the number of Malays. Even though there were clear indication that the migrants were ready to make Malaya their permanent homeland, the British made no attempt to integrate the different races. Instead the different races were deliberately segregated through occupat settlement and education policies. These 'divide and rule' tactics are still being **Economic Policies**

The best and most fertile land were used for rubber and tobacco production which bring in enormous profits for the British Colonialists. Rice and other food growing were neglected and thus, Malaya has to rely on other countries for its base needs. The lop-sided reliance on only 2 or 3 primary products distorts the Malayan economy. No attempts were made at diversification of the export products or making Malayan economy more self-reliant.

The various policies and administrative structure of the British had substantial influence on the political and social pattern of the present day govt. The British must be credited with much used up to the present day - with some refinement, of course.

THE ABSENT WARLORD

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I war against the Malayan people. he few days following 20th June, litical activists were arrested and than 300 trade unions and mass ations were banned. By the end of more than 13,000 people were arrested or deported; and nearly ple killed. It was only in Dec 1948 CPM decided on counter-violence

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ous inhuman and fascist measures sorted to by the colonialists in ting the Malayan people. Oneof the population were herded into ration camps, euphemistically New Villages'. Torture was used

against suspects. All kinds of undemocratic laws like the Internal Security Act (ISA) empowering the colonialists to detain anyone without trial, were used. By 1960, the use of such measures were taking its toll on the movement. The guerillas retreated into the border areas from where they continue their war. Situation from 1957-1963

In 1957 political control of Malaya was given to the Alliance party comprising of

were brutally suppressed by British and Malayan troops. In S'pore Lee Kuan Yew and the British arrested more than 100 opposition leaders, trade unionists and journalists who saw through the British imperialists' plot and, who were strongly opposed to the terms of merger. However the 'marriage' was shortlived. In 1965, S'pore was expelled from the union due to increasing conflicts between the ruling elites in S'pore and KL



Anti-Malaysia Demonstration in Sarawak - 1963

UMNO and the rich man clubs of Malayan Chinese and Indians. (Note: MCA is the Malayan Chinese Association and MIC the Malayan Indian Congress) These were strongly pro-British. When Malaya was given political independence S'pore was excluded from the Fed. and remained under British rule. This was mainly because of 2 reasons. Firstly, the British were afraid that the Malay chauvinist govt in Kuala Lumpur would not be capable of coping with the strong anti-colonial movement in S'pore. Secondly it was easier for the British colonialists to maintain economic control with the port of S'pore separated from the Malayan hinterland.

In the 1960's the colonialists encountered problems not only in S'pore but also in the North Kalimantan states of Sabah, Sarawak and Brunei. In S'pore the people wanted unification with Malaya and genuine independence. In N. Kalamantan, there was also strong sentiments for independence and self-determination. However in N. Kalimantan, a group of local elites matching the calibre of Tengku and Lee had yet to be nurtured

Independence or Neo-colonialism

20 years after independence the M'sian economy is still dominated by foreigners and heavily reliant on industrialised countries. It is dependent on the West for almost everything - for raw materials, for the market of her manufactured goods, for technology, financial expertise, etc. The 'key word', therefore to describe the present economic state is DEPENDENCY. There is no dynamism internal to the M'sian economy. On the contrary it is an appendage of the Western economy.

Malaysia's specialisation in the production of few strategic raw materials for the West continues today. More recently it has become the production base of light consumer goods for Western consumption.

While it is well-equipped to produce for the West, the economy is unable to satisfy the needs of the M'sian people. It is still not self-sufficient in the provision of basic food stuffs. Thus M'sians are living in a state of continued economic domination by the West despite the formal departure of British colonialism. This new type of colonialism, NEO-COLONIALISM has wrought its vicious effects on the



and thus, in the face of opposition from strong anti-colonial groups in Sarawak and Brunei, the colonialists were very unwilling to relinquish its power. The situation in Indonesia also brought nightmares in the imperialists. Sukarno, then president of Indonesia was pursuing a staunch antiimperialist nationalist policy. 'Malaysia' was the solution

With Malaya established as a bastion of neo-colonialism, the British began making moves to bring S'pore and N. Kalimantan under K.L's control. Malaysia was thusproposed and eventually formed to cope with the challenges brought about locally and regionally.

Massive demonstrations and riots broke up in N. Kalimantan in opposition against the M'sia plan. However the people Human Underdevelopment

Under the yoke of neo-colonialism, the people of Malaya face a seemingly endless cycle of poverty, indebtedness and landlessness. The abject living conditions in the rural areas and urban slums reflect the extent of underdevelopment caused by this exploitation. For eg in Kelantan there is only 1 doctor to 11,647 people. The effects of malnutrition, poor sanitary conditions and health care, lead to high rates of infant mortality, malaria and tuberculosis amongst the rural poor.

Even the govt has had to admit that from 1957-1970 the poorest 40% of the rural population has in fact become poorer. As the people find it increasingly difficult to eke out a living, more of their children are forced to drop out of school

at an early age to help supplement the family's income.

Seeing little prospect of breaking out of the miserable living conditions, many rural folks especially the young, migrate to the cities in the hope of getting a better life. However to most, this is a disillusioning experience as they find themselves landing up in the city slums where the ranks of poor and unemployed live.

The glaring difference in living conditions of the rich and the poor naturally leads to discontent and social unrest and this requires control by the imperialists. A combination of subtle and blatant means are used to control the people's mind, to keep them subservient and apathetic. Cultural Subversion

One of the most important means is the neo-colonial education system. Here the students are taught to absorb unquestionably stated 'truths'. The result is intellectuals are moulded to worshipping government statement as 'gospel truth while closing their minds to any new ideas or alternative views.

Degenerate cultural values are inculcated into the people's mind through the mass media. Feudal worshipping, superstition, pessimism, fatalistic thinking and selfish indulgence permeates the media, while heavy advertising pound false needs in order to sell Western consumer goods. Racism is the most vicious cultural values propagated in Malaysia. It divides poor against the poor while allowing foreign and local elites to carry on their plunder. Fascist Laws

Cultural subversion is reinforced by fascist legislations. Freedom of speech, thinking, printing, assembly and association are outlawed in Malaysia. To prevent spread of democratic ideas trade unions, student association and mass organisation are hanned.

The most notorious law is the Internal Security Act (ISA) which allows infinite detention without trial.

However the human mind is influenced and conditioned by the environment. Therefore despite the mind controlling diversions the people will finally identify the root causes and then find a way out of the system of injustice, inequality and economic stranglehold of the country. The Way-Out

The only way to achieve genuine independence and economic development for the benefit of the Malaysian people is to institute radical changes consist essentially of 2 elements listed below (a) Genuine Economic Independent

The Malaysian people must control the course of the country's destiny - this is a prerequisite to genuine economic development in Malaysia. Under the control of the people, the economy will be transformed from one that serves foreign interests to one that is orientated towards serving the needs of the country and the people. The principle of this national control is to achieve economic self-reliance, to be able to provide for the welfare (shelter, food, clothing) of the people and to create a self sustaining and self-generating industry. Changes in economic field must be accompanied by political and social restructuring to ensure that the resulting benefits go to the majority of the people.

(b) Democratic Organisation and Control Repressive legislation must be repealed and democratic rights granted to the people. Implementation of these rights are essential for the people to debate understand and implement policies concerning their livelihood and the destiny of the nation.

Our people's struggle for freedom and genuine independence will be an uphill battle. However, once the Malaysian people remove the stranglehold of imperialists and its local collaborators, Malaysia will be on the way to a bright future.

ROLE OF STUDENTS

What is the function of students in society? Have we a role to play? The various different interpretations are given according to the interests of different people. However, students are generally considered to be the receivers of education and knowledge. They thus have access to information and are in a better position to disect and analyse the motley phenomena in society. Students are regarded as a privileged section of society and their qualifications bring status and higher income. So students are portrayed as the cream of society and leaders of tomorrow. These are the pictures so far put up by the ruling elite.

Let's view it from another angle. The whole social set up in our countries including the education system is geared towards preserving and promoting the interest of the minority. This is determined by the nature of that society which serves the representatives of the exploiting classes. From the start, we receive education based on such a structure, we are led through a set path at the end of which we are shaped to be in a better position to serve that minority group of people. If attainment of knowledge is regarded as an exclusive and monopolistic exercise which has very little in common with the needs and aspirations of the toiling people who help to maintain our living, can we say that receiving an education under such circumstances is a privilege? Moreover, the deliberate education policy is set to lull students

into a position of self-satisfaction and self-indulgence. This is achieved by encouraging egocentricism through markgiving, examination system and other activities which would promote the inferior and superior attitudes among students. Students are again surrounded by warped sensual and erotic culture which is often tied up with sex indulgence. Under such distortion and subversion of the young minds of students, one would be able to see the harmful effect on their attitude and future development. This contributes greatly in emasculating their personality and acumen. Can we expect such 'students' to be leaders of

In spite of this, students do not stand silent and passive in front of such a discriminatory education system and unjust society. We students, can be conscious of the working of the whole system and be critical about it, make full use of the opportunity given to us and participate in changing this irrational situation. There are more and more students now realising that we owe our existence directly and indirectly to the ungrudging toil of the labouring people who constitute the majority in society and it is our social responsibility to give our allegiance to the latter. To do so, we must question further the education policy, economy, politics and the social phenomena observed in our countries and around the world. To match with this, students should investigate and find out the root causes of

social evils in our society and participate in changing the environment.

If one looks at the history of student movement in Malaysia, Singapore, Thailand and overseas students movement in U.K., Australia and N.Z. and other student movement in third world countries, we shall discover that there has never been a lack of covert and overt rejection of and opposition to slavish education injustices and persecution practised by the authorities. For example, the concern and sympathy shown by students in Malaysia and Singapore towards the struggle of the Tasek Utara squatters and the Baling peasants who took on a bold act of conducting a 13,000 strong demonstration in November 1974 in protest against inadequate steps taken by govt to eliminate poverty and maintaining reasonable rubber price. This movement is supported wholeheartedly by many fellow students in U.K., Australia and NZ. Circulation of pamphlets and the organising of discussions and exhibitions were only part of the activities carried out to let more students and people know about the issues

Another great example is the students movement in Thailand. Here the National Students' Centre of Thailand (NSCT) were fighting hand in hand with fellow workers and peasants for their national independence and people's democracy. The bloodshed of Oct 6 at Thammasat Uni resulted in a few hundred students being killed. However the military junta's



repression could not hold back the students' unity with the people to fight for a better living and democracy in their country.

What is noticeable in the above cases of students' movement is that not only are the issues taken up by students closely related to the plight and misery of the labouring people, but that the unity forged among them has also taken a leap into a wider sphere. However, we should also recognise that students do not constitute the main force in society in the sense that their number is small compared to that of the population and also because of the nature and limitations of their background. Therefore to bring about any fundamental changes in society, students have to identify their interests with that of the majority in our country and integrate with them.

As a result, students can play an important role when they are organised and act as advocators and catalysts of changes. While we are o'seas, we can get ourselves organised so as to safeguard the interests of our students and promote unity among us through common activities through discussions, cultural exchanges, welfare campaigns, research works and so on. Through activities, we can try our best to raise our social consciousness so that we can analyse and understand the 'progress' and social phenomenon of our country better and be able to serve the people as best as we can when we eventually return home.

SOUTH PACIFIC

It has been too easy to view the South Pacific as a perpetual summer of white beaches in a calm blue ocean, shaded by swaying palm trees, but do we know of the Pacific Islanders' hopes, their dreams, their aspirations and their disillusions? Many struggles by Pacific peoples are unknown to most of us, groups such as the Kanaks in New Caledonia and Melanesians in the New Hebrideans and in West Irians to name just a few.

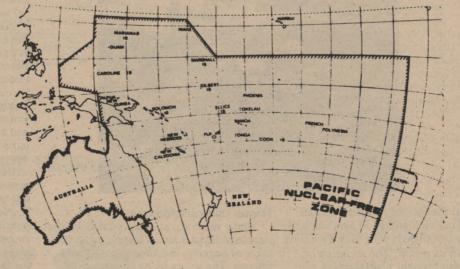
The South Pacific region has changed in the past five years, partly as people within the region exert their claims to govern their own destinies and partly as outside countries attempt to increase their, influence over the region. More countries within the region have gained political independence and in others yet to achieve it the struggles have intensified. Though politically independent, the various South Pacific Islands are limited greatly by their heavy dependence on foreign capital investments in factories, hotels and commerce as well as loans for government, local bodies and industries. Thus both the channels of decision making and advice influencing the decision making taken in the public as well as the private sector are neavily shaped by the heritage of colonialism and the present reality of economic, educational, technical and highlevel manpower dependence.

To a country like Fiji, which has only gained its independence 8 years ago after 95 years of colonial rule and having a population of little over half a million, with nearly half of it umemployed, the term 'foreign economic exploitation' signified the nature of its very existence. Recently, the Australian company 'Emperor Gold Mines' laid off 1500 men in what they called 'necessary reorganisation'

Men who have faithfully worked for their life in the industry suddenly found themselves literally without a home and job. The same company went as far as to, as suggested by a report tabled in Parliament, deliberately mislead Parliament as to its viability so to secure loans from the Government.

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Just a month after this, 500 men were laid off by another foreign company, 'Carpenter Ltd'. All this was done without any regard to Government pleas for restraint due to the present stage of unemployment.

It is clear that the benefits of foreign investments are usually exaggerated by those who stand to gain from it. Newly 'independent' countries are often catapulted into development by modernising leaders who pay little attention to criticising the goals of the development

process. As a senior officer of Fiji said, the development of Fiji shows an increase of the power of the strong over the weak, which will breed more frustrated unemployed people and exacerbate income and other disparities between the rich few, and the mass of people.

The benefits of foreign investments are pretty well advertised: more jobs, roads, government income etc, but the primary objective for investors is to get a quick return for their capital. In this respect, many foreign hotels in Fiji have succeeded.

Worse still, the government of Fiji encourages foreign investors through tax and other concession and channels large sums of its capital and recurrent budget in building roads (Suva/Nadi Highway), advertising and numerous other services to them. As Jone Dakuvula, an Assistant Secretary in Ministry of Housing and Development in the Fiji Government commented, 'The proper approach of a government to foreign investment is to reduce its costs to zero by insisting that foreign investors pay the full cost of services they needed. At present, the exact opposite is happening in Fiji.'

In the global context, we have seen major powers vying with one another to increase their economic and political influence in the area. Nuclear power games continue in the South Pacific and military importance has been increased with the gradual withdrawal of US presence from South East Asia and their cementing hold on Micronesia. More recently, the prospect of 200 miles economic zone throughout the South Pacific gives potential benefits to the inhabitants while increasing the rivalry of larger powers keen to exploit fishing and other resources in the region.

New Zealand and Australia have also shown themselves keen to maintain their sphere of infuence over the Pacific, exhibited in their injection of more and more aid money into the region. This is particularly so with the increasing Russian influence in the region. As Bishop of Tonga, Rev. Fanau revealed, voluntary agencies usually provide better aid than government grants, with the strong politic al overtones of the latter. As in New Zealand's balance of trade with all the South Pacific Islands, the trade balance is greatly in New Zealand's favour. For example, in 1976 trade with Tonga was \$3,768,000 in favour of New Zealand, while New Zealand gave \$828,000 in aid to Tonga. Such trends are getting more favourable to New Zealand. Judging by the figures, one might wonder who benefits more through such aid programmes?

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> the release of this album Superdemonstrate how success can push I full circle from gutsy, aggressive, mental rock to bland compromising hat endlessly rings the changes on a ercially proven formula. se who have followed the band's from its obscure origins will have ssed its seemingly inexorable slide rock and roll to pop and pastiche; ally the last album to really rock eir first commercial success Crime Century. Since then, with the need sales that fame brings, the have shown a laziness, hesitancy and to experiment that is tantamount stic cowardice. In music circles this approach is called 'Doing a Moody releasing a string of albums whose hual tracks are so uniformly red that it is hard to tell one album another. Any of the tracks on this (with the exception of the title ut more of that later) could have ound on Crisis? What Crisis? or n the Quietest Moments. ems that Supertramp are so up in their trade marks that they run to mistake them for real all the songs are characteristic amp to the point of self-parody, hil Spector style deep-echo , through Minnie Mouse pitched ta ta ta ta' backing vocals, to initive Supertramp Sound: organ, honky-tonk piano, lead cking vocals first alternating then n, then a slower bit with strings, nica and echoing sax, fast drum o orgiastic finale, wham, bam, you record buying public: in short, ngredients for another platinum Kiss albums go platinum too,

with the difference that Gene Simmons et al recycle old Hendrix and Black Sabbath riffs, while Supertramp recycle their

And now to the strange case of Breakfast in America. It is at first puzzling that the title track, usually the focus of an albums intentions, is here not only different from all the other tracks, but also so patchy that it could have been put together in half an hour by any bunch of competent session musicians. Its lyrics move away from the traditional Supertramp naive morality and simply say nothing at all except a few inconsequential thoughts strung around the idea of Breakfast In America, whatever that might mean. This curious juxtaposition of a non-song in an album of almost-songs is paradoxical until one looks at the cover, when all becomes clear: it is an absolute masterpiece of cover art. Stacked up cups, boxes and sauce bottles represent the Manhattan skyline, with knives and forks for piers and wharves, surmounted by the Statue of Liberty as a snack-bar waitress, plump, maternal, full of early morning cheer. The concept is brilliant - for a painting: but it adds nothing to the album are used very effectively to accentuate conceptually or stylistically. Could it be that the designer was given a free rein to illustrate the title of his choice, which was then made into a song at the last minute? The cover certainly adds a valuable commercial potential - it is bold, dynamic and intruiging, everything the album isn't. Look at it long and hard in the record shop of your choice, and you will get all this album has to offer. If you are considering laying down nine crisp dollars for a new Supertramp record, get Indelibly Stamped: it never got the attention it deserves, and has a far stronger claim to being new music. background music.

Modern Lovers Live (Released thru Festival)

About a dozen years ago, there was this insects and loving his icecream man. mixed up kid who saw more Velvet Underground gigs than the Velvets can remember playing. After writing reams of awestruck poetry and curious analyses of the band, in 1973 Jonathan Richman had a band, The Modern Lovers, a Warners contract, and a brace of terrific songs written from his loneliness and desperation Reggac' standing out. Although much of and sung in his adenoidal whine. However, the 1973 vinyl 'shortage' meant that the label dropped him, and the John Cale produced demos went unreleased until 1976, when Richman was signed to Berserkley, 'Home of the Hits'. Released as 'The Modern Lovers', it is a great record of adolescence, honesty and fun.

In the interim between contracts, Richman, always unstable, seems to have retreated back to the security of childhood. This album, recorded in England in 1977 when he was at the height of his popularity as a novelty item is full of dumb, innocent songs about being a little airplane or dinosaur, saying hello to little

Taking great risks in opening himself up to his audience in a naive, childlike way, ne seems to charm them into loving/ revering him and joining in the good clean fun. The songs are real neat, real keen, songs like 'My Little Kookenhaken' and the infectious instrumental 'Egyptian the set is a disappointment when compared to his earlier, more mature work, (I was so much younger then, I'm older than that now!) the last two songs are real gems. 'New England', of his longing for his home area 'I've been to. Israels Arab plains, dum de dum de dum, dooday, it's really pretty but --- so is Maine.' and 'The Morning of Our Lives', a beautiful song on self-respect reminiscent of some of the Velvets quieter material. Although a flawed record, it is still the most human I have heard in some time. Definitely one your mother will love.

Adam Gifford

Tangerine Dream Force Majeure Virgin Records

Tangerine Dream started their days with an electroacoustical type of sound, vaguely similar to early Pink Floyd, but with more avant-guard tendencies, their 1st three albums, 'Electronic Meditations', 'Alpha Centauri' and 'Atem' showing this tendancy.

With 'Pheadra' they dabbled with all electronic sequential patterns for the first time. 'Zeit' was a crossover between their first style and their 'electronic style' 'Rubicon' and 'Richochet' showed their mastery of electronic gadgets.

In the NME interview Peter Bauman described the next album 'Stratosfear' as a new beginning although the only obvious change is a more commercial appeal.

The obligatory double live set was next, but far from a rehash of old days, this album had four new tracks being mostly in the same vein as 'Stratosfear', in fact a lot of this was used for one track. Edgar Froese'os guitar comes across with more power and rawness than is usual.

'Cyclone' was a change. Drums, vocais and various woodwind instruments appeared. The music loosened up and was more bright before, with vocal effects adding interest to it.

Now we come to Force Majeure (about bloody time too typist). The first playings show the by now familiar trademark of TD (Long multi-sequential phrases) still abound. There is little experimentation (which was prevale in their early music. Obviously they've found their formula for the moment and are uneasy about changing too much. The production (by Froese and Franke) is intricate and flawless and follows that of 'Stratosfear' and 'Cyclone'

The drums (still there) stand out and the TD hallmarks in the production ie the quick rhythm changes together with slowly mixed in and out of sequenced

As its name implies, the title track has a kind of ethereal power in it which appears suddenly and dies off gradually only to pop up again later.

All in all, although the music doesn't exactly delve into new realms, it is still a very good album and worth buying if you can afford records. It should fit many tastes even if (perish the thought) only as

Sham 69 Tell Us the Truth Polydor

There hasn't been a new wave band since the Sex Pistols that has risen to such fame and notoriety as Sham 693 Three of their five singles have charted into the top 20 and their first and second albums have done similarly well.

Sham 69 are the true street band and they appeal specifically to kids of working class backgrounds. Jimmy Pursey's (lead singer) simple philosophies try to instil a sense of self pride and belonging to his listeners. Participation at concerts is one of Sham's major attributes and one on which much of their notoriety centres. Sham have been adopted by the new generation of skinheads to lead their revival and consequently one takes ones life in ones hands when attending one of their gigs. The enthusiasm and mayhem is captured beautifully on the first side of this album like nothing since 'Live at the Roxy'. Participation is total and the album is well mixed to include this.

'If ya praaaaad to be a cockney clap your hands ... maybe it's because I'm a Londoner Skinheeead sing the audience in true football terrace tradition. Sham fall onto stage and lurch into 'we got a fight' 'I went out on a Saturday night/ I got in a bleeding fight/ all my mates went down with me/ ender up in the bleeding fight/ all my mates went down with me/ ended up in the bleeding gutter'. A plea against senseless violence. Rip Off' slags the prices and posers in the King's rd. It's followed by 'Ulstar' 'we want ya to sing along along and go on the record with us' invites Jimmy. I think he got more than he bargained for. This song and the following one 'George Davis is innocent' illustrate the frail/naive political image Sham adopted in their early days which on the new album 'that's life' they have tried desperately to drop in favour of a more good humoured stance.

'They don't understand' a rather desperately worded song follows and the album closes with a 12 bar work out 'Borstal Breakout'. (Auckland's own Terrorways do a hot version of this). The fans get the last say on this side as it fades they sing 'Knees up muver brown....' The sound on this side is as rough as guts, the guitars drift in and out of tune and Pursey's singing needs more than a little bit to be desired. However all this is over ridden by the sheer intensity of the delivery. Pursey really gets across his message no matter how simple.

Adam Gifford

Music Reviews

Conductor: Walter Susskind Soloist: Roger Woodward Auckland Town Hall, Saturday April 7

This year's N.Z.S.O. concert series is off to a brilliant start. Saturday's concert was played to an almost full town hall. The popularity of these programmes increases every year. There are stiil some seats available to non-subscribers, however, and there's a generous student reduction. If you don't mind cramped knees, the gallery is good acoustically and offers a unique bird's-eye view. Don't sit under the gallery or circle if you want to hear

An interestingly varied programme: began with Weber's 'Overon' overture an enchanting evocation of fairyland and romance. The work was performed with the lightness of touch, and precision it demands, showing fine ensemble playing in all sections, and a close orchestraconductor rapports

The second work on the programme. was Schoenberg's piano concerto, with Roger Woodward as soloist.

This is a large alle and complex work requiring over seventy players. It is rarely heard in New Zealand, which is a pity, as I think it is a work in which understanding increases, with familiartiy It is one of Schoenberg's twelve-tone compositions, which contain some powerfully expressive effects in the dischords and constantly changing rhythms. Mr Woodward, noted for his interpretations of twentieth century compositions, managed the enormous handfuls of notes with consummate case However the unfortunate town hall piano just couldn't take the pace. One would have thought a city the size of Auckland could afford a decent piano - surely an essential in the city's main concert venue.

The rich orchestral texture was punctuated by unusual sound effects inthe strings and wind, and some fine solo passages in the wind and brass.

The last item on the programme was Beethoven's symphony number 7 in A op 92. The orchestra again showed excellent ensemble playing and strict adhesion to Mr Susskind's sensitive beat. This symphony has always been a favourite, with its dance-like rhythms and melodies contrasted with the more sedate beauty of the allegretto.

Later concerts in the series continue the commendable trend of balancing familiar with unfamilias works, older with more contemporary. It is a pity there aren't more works by New Zealand composers on the programme. However, I'm sure every concert will be well worth attending, no matter where your interests lie.

Sarah Shieff

Debussy - Printemps/ Le Matyre de Saint Sebastien Orchestre de Paris Daniel Barenboim

Aimez-vous Debussy? (Apologies Mme. Sagan) In fact if you have the vaguest sympathy for Impressionism, nature, beauty, Botticelli or happy, sensitive music, play this in the morning instead of listening to the Robinson/Sledmere suicide pact and you will arrive in Princes Street in a state of euphoria. "Printemps" is a symphonic suite for piano and orchestra in two ravishing movements. The first movement is a restrained and characteristically delicate tone-picture, which to quote the master, "Expresses the slow and painful genesis of beings and things in Nature". The second movement is the fulfilment, the "vivid joy of being reborn into some new life". The piece opens with a statement of the main theme, which is then given the full mutational treatment, culminating in a restatement of the opening theme in a riot of colour. "Printemps" shows the young Debussy combining a wealth of melody and effect into a seductive work.

Barenboim, with the Orchestre de Paris brings off a spirited, if somewhat rushed performance. The piano is a little swamped and on the whole Martinon's version is more elegant and precise. But Martinon only comes in a 5LP boxed set. In any case, this is more than compensated by a recording of extracts from Debussy's amazing incidental music to Gabriele d'Annunzio's play, which, oddly does not feature in Martinon's complete" set. This is a late work showing a more "expressionist" approach. The style is a subtle melange of decorative mediaeval themes and modernistic tonecolours, nearing an it's own way the verge of monthity, This precess amazingly imilar, in style and mood to "Verklarte Macht". The Danse Extatique" is particularly evocative of those decoratively overloaded canvases by Gustave Moreau.

It's haunting. This reading is a sensitive laterpretation of an exquisite score, Barenboins extracting all the colours, moods and rhythms beautifully. This is one of the best works of a great composer, Buy it!

A.W. Busser



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Bernadette Jew playing Sculthorpe sonatina for piano

Lunch hour Concert

Presenting their second recital of MUSIC the company began it's perli with six songs for oboc and tenor, t from the fext of 'Gitanjali' by the poet Rabindranath Tagore who play the idea of divinity and inspiration, pleasant, though not consistently 50, musical dialogue.

David Griffiths' six song of Titol written in 1978 for Heather McDon the performing soprano, were again on a set of poems called "One Wom Thoughts." Heather's very reflective was sensitively accompanied by Gri on piano, both incorporating a wide iety of moods reflected in a similarly wide variety of tempi, Griffiths have words to music.

The third performance, Peter Sculthorpe's 2nd sonatina for piano aggressively executed by Bernadett who satisfactorily exploited the pe sive possibilities of piano sound. was written at a time when Sculth was trying to tie his national origin music, this particular piece relates to Aboriginal legend. Characteristic of Sculthorpe's melodic form broken virtuoso passages.

The last work Britten's Canticle

The Karlheinz company is movin strength to strength, it's next perfor on Sunday 29th at the Maidment T celebrating Sculthorpe's 50th birth should be well worth attending. It Stockhausen has special promise.

should be well worthwhile. Mark Boyd

the evening.

Mozart Piano Concerti

Auckland Symphonia Hall

The last evening of the Symphonia

Mozara Festival provided a fitting climax to the six-week series of performances at

the Symphonia Hall. Three consecuti were

performed: No 19 in F major, K459; No. 20 in D minor, K466; and No. 23 in

A major, K488. All were well received,

Above all, it was the superb perfor-

mance which made the evening most memorable. Ric de Lisle's piano was excellent, in fact spoll-binding during the second concerto, and Juan Matteucci and

the orchestra combined perfectly. The

orchestra were faultless, especially the

wind section, who distinguished them-

selves in their few solos. The audience

mance, the end of each concerto being greeted with sustained thunderous

applause, rising to cheers at the end of

with (surprisingly) a complete absence

of noise from Dominion Road. Unfor-

unavailable during the interval, forcing

patrons to brave the traffic to visit the

take-away bar opposite the hall. This

the end of the evening when wine and

cheese were served, providing a pleasant

conclusion. It also gave the audience a

welcome opportunity to meet and dis-

cuss the performance with the orchestra.

The Symphonia begins a series of

performances entitled 'Travel the World

with Symphonia' early in June, compris-

ing a selection of works from one country

at each. Judging by the organisation and

performance of the Mozart concerti, they

was amply compensated for, however, at

tunately, refreshments seem to be

The acoustics of the hall are excellent,

were certainly delighted with the perfor

particularly No. 20, a delightful piece

distinguished by an inspired piano.

The Karlheinz Company Maidment April 6

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tidily wrapped up by Phillip's tenor accompanying Rimer on horn and Griffiths on piano.

John Broad

Other Reviews

Pacific Hotel

is a production with a history. loel' began earlier this year as a ht theatre act at the New Independis show however was not well d; probably not due to any serngs in the production so much atregoer's reluctance to visit mentertainment. After round for alternative venues, oel' finally resurfaced last Friday places, the top restaurant of a hotel. The master of camp rould have been delighted. suited patrons ate and drank the sumptuous splendour, while raff serenaded them on a Hammond

revue itself wore well in the new ns. All the awkwardness of playing t of Australian suburbia naturally ed. There was a new elegance and my of staging. The acting area, a restricted circle in front of the tables, proved quite adequate for duction that relied on the inherent and its two performers. he most pleasant surprise of the ng was how coherent the text of oduction now appeared. At the ndependent, I had had my choice of Coward of their selection the los I far from clear. Here the tic consistency could not be doubtpart from the final, rather sentinumber, Coward's satirical range ed as wider and more barbed than liy granted. Not only the cynical a socialize but such diverse subjects erican psychiatry and the married pensioners came under his scrutiny. can, of course, simply be enjoyed estylishness of his wit but, as this ction demonstrated, he was a more ex figure than the popular anecdotes behaviour would suggest. eperformances of both Stephen ich and Celia Russ carried the subtleties convincingly. Both their best in the English socialite although their transatlantic nts were not unconvincing.

e aftermath of this evening should presting. The Meridian Room is urating a full-scale programme of rant-theatre; certainly the above ction will have given this idea And 'Dear Noel' itself will be ming further afield. Dates have ben booked at the newly opened Club and at our very own Little Theatre, atch out for the advertisements. erting evening awaits you.

Celia Russ as an American house-

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RTSTORY COMPETITION

With a \$50 1st prize from the BNZ record vouchers for 2nd and 3rd from the nice people at Record house, we were hoping for a few entries to float under the Craccum

e Editor in all his wisdom has ed no restrictions on subject any preferences for the aeroplane of certain World War I and II being religiously curbed. So get to u've got from now until the end m to put pen to paper and get entry into the Craccum Office. The gentries will be printed in ages sometime next term.

Summer of the Seventeenth Doll Theatre Corporate April 11 - May 16

Now that Epicfares and Budget Flights have permitted free access of that former penal colony across the Tasman to the civilising influences of Godzone, you hear fewer cracks about them foulmouthed, beer swilling Aussies. Well this is a play set before all that - pre-Epicfare, pre-Operahouse. It's about the real Aussies we used to know, rough, raw and always ready to raise a laugh. The characters of the 'Seventeenth Doll' are barmaids and sugarcane cutters, from a working class suburb of Melbourne, in the summer of 1953. They drink Lager, read The Agc, and talk about 'bloody mozzies' meaning mosquitoes. And they are also real, warm and sympathetic human beings, whose domestic lives are the subject of this totally engrossing three act play.

Credit must go to director Paul Minifie in this, his second production at Theatre Corporate, both for the sensitivity of his dealing with characters who could so easily have remained stereotyped, and for his skill in presenting what is a period piece from a quarter of a century ago, but which still retains an immediate and contemporary interest.

In this, Australian playwright Ray Lawler's tenth play, he portrays the dilemmas of four ageing dilettantes. Barney and Roo are sugarcane cutters from Queensland, who, every summer for the past seventeen years have come down to Melbourne for the five months of the 'lay-off' to spend their money, and to live with Olive and Nancy. But this year things are different. Roo didn't work for most of the season, so is broke, and Nancy upped and married over the winter. Olive has brought Pearl in to stay with her as a replacement, but Pearl has notions of marriage and respectability that don't fit in with Olive's open-hearted goodtiming attitude, nor with Barney's free-roving interests

The two strongest performances are given by the characters with the strongest accents: Roy Billing as Barney, and Judy Gibson as Olive. Olive, as the unpretentious, goodhearted barmaid whose strangely naive centre is revealed in the final act, is the pivotal character who holds the play together. Around her, all the other characters fall into place. There is the tall, silent Roo (Lex Matheson), whose proud character is never really opened up to us; Pearl (Hilary Beaton), simperingly genteel, and suffering a little from first night nerves, Bubba (Jenny Ludlam), who gave a fine, restrained performance as the young thing from next door. Chris White as Johnnie, the upright young man, couldn't quite get his tongue around a raw Strine accent and finally, Olive's cantankerous old mother Emma was played by Jennifer Dalziel. Emma as a character was full of surprises, with some roaringly funny lines, but not always consistent - the incorrigible, rough old Mum who presided over Community Singing slipped oddly at times into the lucid and generous old lady. Nevertheless, it was Emma and Barney between them who provided most of the caustic cracks that kept the audience chuckling, right up to the unexpected, and chilly, silent ending.

Set and lighting are of Corporate's usual high standard, although their particularly slow fade mechanism did seem at times a little too slow for this production. However, these criticisms are minor, and should in no way detract from a play that has a lively humour, and compulsive human interest and appeal. Take a break from your Shakespeare, and go and see what the Ockers have been up to across the Tasman.

Katrina White



Judy Gibson and Hilary Beaton as Pearl and Olive in 'Summer of the Seven'eenth Doll



Limbs Maidment April 11

As a prelude to their first national tour this performance by the five-member company was notable for its variety, perhaps exemplifying the diverse audiences different positions and levels they can the company expects to perform to while on tour. While the second half contained some polished and well-practised dances such as the sinister 'Reptile' which have already been seen on campus, the first half included much new material. Humour was used liberally (some might say overliberally), at times purely to entertain as in the slapstick routines of "Watch it Buddy". A little repetitive, but it typified Chris Jannides' ability to play the comic clown. Elsewhere in "TV Dance" a slightly satirical element crept in as Limbs abused the preconceptions New Zealand TV audiences have of modern dance - a rapid-fire beat and slick gyrating

In 'Watch it Buddy' and in several of the other dances the group forsook the traditional simple coloured leotard and tights for street clothes and sandshoes. This was especially effective in 'Ponsonby Hat Dance', which gave an insight into the process by which a dance is built up as individuals came together and added variations before performing in unison. A similar technique was evident in 'Backyard Eugenie Sage

Frolic' where the dancers, ever attentive to total shape and spacing made use of a small portion of the stage to highlight the make use of in creating a dance.

A theatrical element was present at times with the use of simple props and with a linking commentary by Chris Jannides. Lighting complimented this in one dance where his grotesque cavortings in a mock attempt to disembowel himself were heightened by his oversized shadow on a red backdrop. The colours changed to muted pastels as the company slipped easily from this and other plays on bad taste in the 'Poems' sequence to the sensitive and almost ethereal movements of "Moth I and II"

Never being tempted to descend into unobscurity for the sake of making profound statements on a 'meaning' theme the dances were audience oriented and were therefore successful in eliciting a response, either chuckles of laughter or an awed and pensive silence at the beauty of form in and emotional force of dances such as 'Morphus' and 'Apart'. Hopefully, it won't be too long before we see them again.

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No! This is the ballad Of Charles Dickens Who made his own snuff But couldn't pluck chickens

No! This is the ballad For all you ill-bred Who listen to music Instead of being well-read Who can't appreciate Good literature Like 'Wuthering Heights' Or 'St Agnes the Pure' Who sit hypnotized To your dirty T.V.s While the classics Decay by your knees Your knobbly knees I hope you get a disease Like Glaucoma Or leukemia Or Frank Sargeson May your brains turn to brandy And drip into a pun A bed pun well any pun's Better than none

You can crack jokes Like a stale banana You can crack up Somewhere in Havana With a big cigar And old Graham Green As the sun drips down Like brillcreme

Chorus: Slicked back Paper back Hard on Hard back Slicked back Paper back Hard on Hard back Well read Well fed Big words Big tods Slicked nack Paper back Hard on hard back

Richard von Sturmer

Waiheke

Water lips the island, but I bed down

In the familiar geography of fatigue.

Morning breaks bright - but cold.

My mouth feeds on butter and cold grease.

A thin wind rubs around my shoulders,

And I check the timetable to take me home.

Squall showers and thunder

And bangs and bangs

No apocalyptic summer,

Unswallowed from ocean

For a rest and Thermos tea.

But a loose, slack surf

On a loose catch.

Rock the night. A door bangs

Voided onto an empty beach.

The Fish

The fish breathes the water Smooth as a pressure-pump, And takes the hook, The jag Breaking blood from the mouth -

A burst of air -The short breath -The ruptured spasm Of hysterical muscles -A sharp knife

Supplements the light. Hugh Cook

Rainsong

We find aptitudes for loneliness within the rain; Incoherent demarcations between the bathotic and sublime. Cars are dissonance against the pliant Rhythm of the falling water; Man, complacent in his compounds, speculates upon The heraldry of the Coca-Cola sign. In the caesura of existence, Traumraum Fragments of dreams return; The sky has set about its ice-age.

Hugh Cook

Here they come

In the window

Sentinels

To protect.

Nine white horses

Where I am waiting -

These nostrils flaring?

I am the tenth stallion

Is this a man then,

Welcome to hell!

Josephine Missiere

Clambering to attention

The bed wakes at dawn. Head on pillow, The sleeper flies in space. A rocketship blasts off on muesili, Raisin ash settles on the bedcover, The dreamer floats. A thrush at zero gravity sings outside.

The bed wakes at dawn, Sheets stirring restlessly. The sleeper yawns, Sunshine fills the cabin And blinds the spaceman. He shuts his eyes And sees the bedroom in morning light

Anon.

SKY CLOUD WIND: city night

We're in the bowl of the city's night, its dark hollow its cupped hand. Over the black shapes of trees torn wads of cloud glide steadily, trailing across the lid of space, all sliding again out of sight behind other black trees. The clouds are our covering. Out in the dark the ridges hum, wires of roads a horizon we cannot see hums along its ridges and wires of roads.

Around us the wind flows. The wind comes from the sea. It has the feel of water, of having been very close to the sea's water-skin, its moiled surface, the smell of having moved very close to the sea's salt face. But we don't know the sea - it is beyond the edges,

outside and the wind is a strange visitor with its suggestions of slapping waves, and the sharpness of seawater to tongue and nostrils. It is friends with the darkness and comes from beyond edges.

out of sight, somewhere

The black of the trees changes against the clouds. We can

Return To The City

The door of the long-distance bus Closes. The engine growls, And light licks the street. Then it's gone.

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Dave,

I walk by the gutter Under the nailhead stars. The key finds the door. The ashes of last year's wind Stir in the dead grate.

In my room, Mildew has disinherited sweat. I fumble for the light. My Lady of the staple Stares from the wall, Perfect but unlovely. I take a chair, and try to believe The hours will revive That myth called morning.

Hugh Cook



see them go sharp, distinct, branches stick out, Then they go back to black shapeness. They swing with the wind. They are our edges. They own the black, they use and lose it. They hide in it while the clouds pass over.

Stars flicker in the blue, deep deep sky, as the clouds shift. The clouds are our covering. The wads over the city are orange with the city's light the pale orange of reflection. Other patches are white, soaking up the light of stars & city streets. Straight above us they make Rorschach blots out of holes in the sky. They are the animals of inky space, of the night air, leaping horizons. They make any shapes there are, they explore all the edges, and the darkness they move in.

But they aren't the heroes, the ones who hold us. We are in the black hollow of the dark night. It is her city. Wind

slides over black edges, its smell, its warm ink, its edginess caught from the dark distant sea

Christopher Parr



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lettuce to the Editor

EDITOR WRITES A LETTER TO HIMSELF FEMINIST BATTLE RAGES

er in Craccum I often get all sorts of from as you would imagine all sorts ple. Now I'm a fairly liberal sort of bloke on the whole I don't tend to throw a great letters into the bin. But just a few moments ago I threw no less than four be waste-paper abode from some fool igned himself (herself?) 'Pickled Onion'. erson was extolling at great length band called the Bastards. I don't know they are and no one on Crappum does Do you?

Merrittt

Idon't - ed)

N'T SEE WHAT'S WRONG WITH.....

act that intending protesters in New South were lured away by the wizard does not as nlied mean that the wizard is a wanker, ws that student protests are pointless and ose who take part in them possess very ntelligence. Obviously these students ily going on protest marches because ad nothing better to do, and when someetter came along in the form of the they listened to him instead. I, like other me people do not take the wizard serioussee that he is only trying to make laugh, and I can't see much wrong with

IES ANYONE?

you please explain the reasons for Alfred Street. All I have seen so far ery general term 'inconvenience' used as on for closing it. Personally I cross Street 2 or 3 times a day and do not find tularly inconvenient. Could those who hould be closed please explain the incon-



BOL READS CRACCUM PROBABLY IUSE WE ARE 400% LESS EXPENSIVE

is and pacifications to our 'Open-minded' who was angered (to say the least!) when dly approached by a person pertaining a seller of Haribol New Zealand

ple involved in putting together and g the Haribol N.Z. paper were distressed to read of his understandably e reaction. One of the main reasons it eided to sell the paper rather than give was to avoid this kind of thing. Our of distributing in bookshops, dairies ong with every other newspaper and mag in operation all of this year. Our feeling if people are interested or curious huy a paper. If not then we don't our time or theirs by making unwanted

whom R.R. met was distributing ribol N.Z. paper without our knowledge ission. After some inquiries we red the offender and have dissuaded continuing his trip. The only other distribution was being tried out by one Queen St and K. Rd. After a few days of ewspaper-boy style, she decided it the best way of doing things. hope there'll be no further cause for in relation to Haribol N.Z. any way. ery - why won't the University Bookshop Haribol N.Z. papers for those students buying the paper?

I am disgusted by some of the statements made by feminists on campus both at the now infamous forum of some weeks back and more recently through the pages of this paper. The way to solve the problems faced by women is by determined social agitation not by declaring total war on the male half of our species. It is ridiculous and destructive to imply, as one letter did last week, that men are 'rapists, warmongers and earthpolluters' while women are 'serious, humane people' - one just has to look at the record of Mrs Gandhi to see that women are no better, or worse I might add, than men when they get into power. I conceed that changes are desirable in the social status of women but I object to being lumped together with all men ever and attacked with the venom that has been exhibited of late. Indeed, for Lynne Holdem to make the remarks she did and then to call herself (as a woman) 'a serious humane person' is to be contradictory to the point of absurdity. As long as this letter is typical of the attitudes of the feminists on campus they can be assured of my continuing lack of support.

And in reply to 'the Real Majority' just because the abortion laws affect or potentially affect every woman in NZ does not make them an issue to every woman in NZ. I support change too but I don't assume that because the laws are an issue to me they are to everybody else and neither do I stoop so low as to use the pages of a paper to make a pathetic statement like 'All male antiabortionists should have been castrated

In hope of a sensible reply.

EDITOR IS A SEXIST, SO NO MORE WOMENS STUFF'. AND I ALMOST MEAN

Dear Editor,

The complaints to Craccum about President Roth appear to fall into three categories : (1) primary school level graffiti; (2) navel-gazing; (3) male insecurity.

Category (1) is always written with such a limited, monotonous vocabulary that it exemplifies the piece of folklore about the difference between little girls and little boys this says that little girls invariably outgrow lavatory type chatter.

Category (2) is a permanent state among those who hope that their own problems within their particular ivory towers are sealed off and protected from the wide world outside. It has always been common among university students and even some staff members too. Have the specific grizzles been voiced before the offending (?) parties, or is it more egoboosting to shoot off a letter with a witty turn of phrase and signature.

Category (3) is inevitable when women begin to behave in mixed company as if their views, their activities and their skills are of equal importance to those of men. This confuses products of our educational system like poor, mixed-up Noel Flemming. They are naturally disturbed when they are confronted with evidence that contradicts their unthinking and inadequate grasp of history, anthropology, biology, human relationships etc. (What university course I this Flemming character possibly be taking for goodness sake that produces such ignorance and dogmatism in so many areas?) One illinformed comment among many is the reference to 'human history.' No proper human history has yet been compiled because history has almost invariably been written by men about men, happily ignoring half the human

As a recent illustration of this kind of carry-on I cite the International Women's Day activities, which included a session on women's studies. Three excellent speakers made an important contribution to any consideration of how the university system works which is of vital concern to all students. But the male edited Craccum ignored it completely - just one more typical example of WHY women sometimes feel they have to shout in an effort to make themselves heard. (And the editorial response will probably blame the women, the printer, the deadline, the unfavourable astrological signs and/or the Ides of March).

Wonder Woman

STOP RUBBISHING ROTH

Dear Everyone,

I am sick of all the rubbishy shit being thrown at Janet Roth.

Sure she's got views of her own on 'Women's Rights' - but what intelligent, open-minded

Her stance in actively pursuing these views is only to her credit - though obviously viewed as otherwise by the average, stereotypical, stuck-inthe-mud, apathetic, boring university student. I hate to think of the decadence and boredom that would pervade, fester into and rot this institution if it's leaders did not 'push' a variety of controversial views - I mean to say, the Davids, Terrys, Timothys and M.A.D.s of this world wouldn't have anything to write about! Further more, pushing the campaign for \$9 p.w. increase for the Students' Bursary can hardly be termed solely a women's or nonstudents 'wheel-barrow' as I'm sure all the male (and female) members of this university would agree. And, in comparison with the Abortion Campaign, Janet and her 'cohorts' have put in as many, if not more, man (!) - hours on the Bursary Issue - so put that up your ass and poke it! (sorry about that profoundity but ...) Finally, I intend ending on a didactic note: all New Zealanders (and that includes Auckland University Students) would benefit characterwise, if they remarked upon an individual's good

points first and foremost!

P.S. To David, Terry and Timothy: the allocation of funds for printed material re the Abortion Campaign was made via a democratic vote at the first S.R.C. meeting - if you (and your mates) opposed this, you should have terminated your games of pocket billiards and shown your hands. (sorry, once again, for that reversion of the

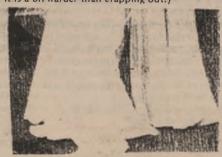


Dear Furry-Face, (no offence intended)

Just thort I'd say that these Women's Action Day and Abortion Day Forums left me somewhat somewhat baffled - I mean, what the hell were these wenches complaining about? - couldn't believe it was for real (OK so most of them were rape victims, I guess). As far as these 'Women's rights' are concerned, Stephen Ross will tell you how how I feel towards abortion (Crakkum, Issue8). How many other rights this minority radical group are pushing for, I don't know (Answers, please). Are they going as far as imposing a matriarchal system or whatever? (Government, maybe? - God forbid - second thorts, might be what we need!) - did they think that by having these 'rights' which we have and they don't they wouldn't have to accept the 'norms' that society in general imposes today? - I mean are we going in buses in future? (the list goes on). Of course not! These birds who were making a stand in the quad were actually degrading the male sex pulling it to bits in fact! - couldn't see them giving an inch in that direction ch! For Christsake, let get things into proportion

Someone once said (wizeguy) that if people keep their less popular opinions to themselves, or at least stop FORCING them on others (violently, as in the quad, or otherwise) then others are more likely to listen or at least stop wincing. Maybe we can close that gap yet.

P.S. Anybody with the right frame of mind can get anywhere he or she wants to today (even if it is a bit harder than crapping out.)



......I'M NOT AN M.C.P., BUT

Having been in the company of several different types of people over the years (some more intimate than others) I would like to broach on a new subject in the Lettuce pages of Craccum. I unabashedly refer to the topic of Inhibited Women, Now I am not an M.C.P. I treat people as people, sex making little difference in the friendship - however, if you want more than friendship this is the area I am talking about in male/female relationships. Summing up my experiences with women of this kind I have always found them an impregnable chastity belt of ice. I have always been trying to 'crack the ice' but got my tool blunted. In a nutshell they use 3 weapons. - They make you feel guilty about having sexual desires about them

- They use sex as a weapon to get what they

- They make you feel as if your a 'dirty old

I would appreciate comments from other victims of natural disasters of this kind.

Mark B. Pope

ALMOST CLOSED

Dear Ed. For the 'real majority' and all the other 'Rothfans' (if there are any). Yea it's another anti-abortion letter. How can any woman claim it is her democratic right to choose whether or not she has an abortion: I may as well claim it's my democratic right to blow this whole stinkin' jungle up and get away away with it. A woman's right to choose whether or not she has a child I can agree with. If this is what you really want what are you fighting for - you have such a right. Is it pure ignorance of biological fact that keeps the fight going? CONCEPTION CAN ONLY OCCUR IF YOU LNGAGE IN SEXUAL INTERCOURSE and any woman has the right

to choose whether or not she participates in such an activity. All I can say you have done is degraded the concept of women to that of a female ignorant of biological fact. And what about the 300,000 people who signed the 'repeal' petition? That's all it was, a repeal petition - no indication of what way they wanted the law altered - many signatures may have been those of anti-abortionists

wanting stricter laws. And the abortion march - \$7,000 of Students' money was spent on this! Is that what you the student want your money to go to - the big con at the end, namely Trillos. Janet, if you haven't got enough faith in student support for the cause and feel you have to con them into marching with a \$7,000 piss up, why bother organising it?

This sum comes from a reliable source (I hope) ves, one of your flatmates lanet. Is this a fair distribution of limited resources (using Marxist terminology)? Why don't the pro-abortionists form a club on campus like any other club, and have funds allocated accordingly, then we will see who is the real majority,

Yours sexist male? no, Anti-abortionist I LMALI P.S. Don't worry, Janet, at least wearing cafe uniform will save you money.

A LETTER THAT MAKES ONE THINK....

Here is a quote from 'Prejudice', a bulletin for schools which in many ways seems to sum up part of the complacent, middle-class bourgeois attitudes of most of the student population. It comes from an extract written by a Vietnamese student, Trinh Kanh Tuoc....'a good friend told me just the other day how lucky I was because in his own words Victnam is still poor and underdeveloped. We are not free from responsibility for, as you say, the work there is not lacking. Whether we want it or not, the challenge. and purpose of our lives is obvious, undeniable and inescapable. The Kiwis, my friend said, have a perfect country, there are none too poor that their Social Security has not helped; there is probably less class difference and struggle here than anywhere else; education facilities abound. All has been done. It leaves a generation aimless. That is the tragedy..... Makes one think - yes? Or is it just another nail in the middle-class coffin of existence?

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More Lettuce

Where indeed was the saviour at Belsen! Your question is one variation of the 'Problem of Evil' which has been the subject of intense philosophical and theological debate in the past. Namely, if God is omnipotent, omniscient, and benevolent then why does he allow evil and suffering in the world?'

In fact the existence of evil and suffering is consistent with the Biblical world view. According to the Bible the world we live in now with all its problems was not the world originally created by God. Instead it is a deformed world in which there is evil and suffering as a consequence of man's rebellion against God. Things are the way they are as a result of man choosing to exercise his own free will, and God allowing him to do it.

In view of this it would seem better to ask: 'if God is omnipotent, omniscient and benevolent then why doesn't he put an end to man?' The answer to this is that God is postponing judgment on us in order to give us a chance of returning to him through Christ. Through Christ's death on the cross God has taken the initiative of making peace with us, and we have the choice of responding to him by following Christ in faith. And if God is our creator and sustainer, it would seem to follow that the most fulfilling way to live our lives is to do just that.

I might refer you to an excellent treatment of the problem in CS Lewis' 'The Problem of Pain'.

Why not examine Christ? Peter Saunders

CAN YOU THINK OF ANYTHING MORE **BORING THAN Q.O.C?**

I read your second letter last week and almost died laughing! Such truth and humour I haven't heard since Muldoon's campaign speech at the Regent last year.

This 'justification' of your first letter is superflu ous. The only justification it needed was the fact that a banal mentality had produced it, and that was self-evident.

I know you will find this advice useful. Cross AlfredStreet by way of the overhead walkway walkway if you are incapable of crossing it safely

I have never commented on your class background and frankly don't give a stuff about it! I think you should admit your explanation of the graffiti board (ie a light hearted suggestion as a means of verying the drab colour cheme in the quad) is a blatant and contrived lie and that you wanted a graffiti board for its own sake. It was obvious to all your first letter was a big joke and now it is obvious you've bitten and swallowed your own hook, line and sinker! A joke that needs explaining Q'O.C. is no

You're full of shit Q.O.C. whoever you are!

Michael Tuohy

(This correspondence is now closed 1.d.)

IS THIS A CHRIS TENNET LETTER?

Dear Editor,

You've done a shit-hot job with Craccum this year. " a bloody shame TITWTI's jokes aren't up to last year's standard. To call them rat-facces is too high a praise - most of the jokes have got mould on them.

But since I criticise the TITWTI jokes I'll have to offer one of my own. My apologies if members of the executive think it's a bit redshaded....

Muldoon (a certain Prime Minister) disgusted with the bad publicity he had received from the press over the last four years, arranges for a press conference to take place on the shores of Lake Taupo. On the appointed day, Rob arrives at the lake to find scores of newspaper reporters, two sewer cleaners, and one representative of the 'Truth' (descending order of importance) present. Rob jumps into his togs, puts a towel over his shoulder and turns to face the multitude. Once the hissing has died away he orders the reporters, 'Report everything you see truthfully, and without your god-damned bias against me!' He turns to face the lake, walks for a quarter of a mile across the lake and comes back, feeling very smug. The next day, sitting at his desk in the Beehive, he opens the previous night's copy of the Christchurch Star and there in four inch type across the front page is 'MULDOON FAILS IN ATTEMPT TO SWIM LAKE TAUPO'.

Zyllis P. Screwtube PAGE 20 CRACCUM APRIL 23

WATCHING THE DETECTIVES

Dear Furry-Face,

In regard to the turkey-sucking, camel-brained, pimpernickel mentioned by name and address withheld in the last issue, I'd like to say - let's do something 'bout the bastard! I was walking up Symonds Street from the general direction of Waterloo Quadrant on Monday morning, when this prick was observed slipping slips under windscreen wipers. Two cars cars within 50 yards of each other were fined \$9 and \$6. Each had 10 and 25 minutes respectively remaining on the bloody meter!!

P.S. Up with Crakkum, 'specially the Back Pages P.P.S. Will M. Ryken draw a pictcha for this one?



ANOTHER BLOODY GOOD LETTER WHICH SHOULD GET THE BACKS OF A FEW PEOPLE

Dear David,

I was very interested to read your article 'Mangere Bridge Part II', particularly the comments of Mr Purdue. He informs us that his bridge carpenters would not return to work under the impossible conditions of a construction target, with a bonus when that target was achieved. In passing he mentions the Mangere Airport where he claims construction targets were unworkable and uses this as justification for rejecting the target condition.

Having had a few years in the building industry, I have worked with several carpenters who were employed on the airport project. When Mangere airport came up in the smoko room it was inevitably referred to as a big joke. To give an example, it takes a competent carpenter working at a normal rate about two hours to hang a door. At the airport, most carpenters took a leisurely eight hours to do the job; and there are numerous other examples. This is why the construction targets at Mangere airport were not met.

In the first Craccum you printed an article on the plight of the New Zealand farmer. The point the article made was that while the farmer was expected to farm New Zealand out of its economic trouble, the city workers weren't expected to make a similar sacrifice. An article in the New Zealand Herald recently quoted an economist as saying the biggest problem with New Zealand's economy was the New Zealand

While I recognise the place for unions in an industrialised society, I forlornly predict further economic peril if the unions continue their hardline stance. They must realise that a dependent, agricultural economy cannot afford a militant union movement. It is rather ironic that each time a major wage claim is met, the unions seem to think that they have struck another blow for the proletariat. In actual fact it is their own fellow workers whom they injure instead of the capitalist fat-cats. It is the unions with the most political clout, ie those who run the essential services who help to force up prices, The employers, be they Government or private can afford to absorb the increases but what about the workers in non-essential industries whose wages do not increase at the same rate as their more powerful brethren. Their pay-packets buy less each week And before I am branded as an extremist Young National let me say that I also deplore the withdrawal by the Government of subsidies on essential consumer goods such as milk, butter and god knows what else. Are they deliberately provoking a confrontation with the Unions? The Government is obviously determined not to go into the next election with an internal deficit of the proportion that it fought the last one with. So with a workforce with one of the lowest

production rates in the world, a farming community carrying the country from one economic year to another and employers and workers heading for another costly conflict, where does that leave New Zealand?

When the sun shines it doesn't look too bad but on a rainy day?

Somewhere along the line everyone is going to have to make a sacrifice which may include having to work a little harder. Students are not exempt. The \$9 extra demand sounds great but who's kidding who? Aiming for the abolishment of the abatement for people over 20 sounds more reasonable.

But then again, why worry. The world's a bloody mess but who cares?

Russell Denning

CHILDRENS PARTY

Dearest Dave,

This is not a request to get recruits for IDI's army, nor is it a bitch against the young Nats (or even Alfred Street). It is in fact a short note concerning the CHILDREN'S PARTY. 'What is this?' you all ask. Well, my fellow uninformed thespians, it is the time when we, the university put on cakes cookies and icecream followed by entertainment for lots of underpriviledged kiddies from all over Auckland, 'What can we do to help?' you all roar in eagerness and enthusiasm. We need helpers for collecting and preparing the food, setting tables, decorations, supervising etc etc etc. 'When is it?' you all yell, slobbering at the chops over the thought of doing a good deed. Its on April 28th and help is needed both Friday nite and from the wee hours of Saturday morning to mid afternoon when we all say 'Au Revoir' to the brats. So don't go sailing, come and help. Leave your name and phone number at the association.

Your friend



A REAL SMARTARSE LETTER

Dear Editor.

I am so enthralled with this year's Craccums -I mean they are just too witty! Craccum is now as witty as people who wear lampshades on their heads at parties.

And if there is a shortage of wit some issues, there is never a lack of witless obscenities or misspellings to titilate the cultured mind. Sometimes I wonder we can do anything but read each issue again and again. A lot has - unfortunately - been said about

Craccum being the mouthpiece of the student body. My objection is that our mouthpiece is still singing We Shall Overcome and Alice's Restaurant, and is still printing adolescent humour. Must this amateurish attempt to ressurect the sixties go on any longer?

Yours faithfully, Ross Mackie

P.S. I submit this letter for publication. (Smartarse - Ed) AND you can't spell resurrect !! - Typesetter)



TENNET SPEAKS

Dear Dave,

So once again the Armed Forces have been called out to deal with a minor case of civil disobedience. I, of course, am referring to the Lyttleton tunnel dispute. The fact that the law was involved by an inept and incompetent Government to 'settle' an Industrial dispute is bad enough in itself but the use of the Army, for whatever excuse, makes the incident far more deplorable. I know that to many Muldoon minions 'Industrial Relations' means screwing the unions, but I wonder what sort of people 'send in the troops' every time they are thwarted.

The epithet 'Fascist' has been attached to the National Govt in recent years. Perhaps this is not far off the truth. After all, one of the hallmarks of a true democracy is that force is not used to deal with those who disagree with the Government, yet this Government thinks nothing of using our Armed Forces to suppress our fellow citizens when they choose to show their dissatisfaction with the Government's policies. I find it disturbing when the functions of the Police and the Armed Forces overlap. I find it ominous when the Minister of Police and the Minister of Defence are one and the same person, and when that person is Wing-Commander 'Biggles' Gill I feel that my mild paranoia is more than justified.

Regards,

EXCELLENT

Dear Craccum,

Chris Bilham has raised the question of the powers and responsibilities of the Auckland University Students' Association.

He believes that the Students' Association should not involved itself in issues that have nothing to do with university, or, at least do not affect students any more than any other sector of the community

2. He believes that students should act as citizens, on 'extra-varsity' activities, and only act as students on internal, varsity, 'studentbased' activities

3. He believes that the Students' Association should not claim to act on behalf of everyone on a controversial issue, like

4. He believes the Association should concen itself with Bursaries and Assessment and with

this alone I have no quarrel; I am amazed that Chris feels he can split up the 'ten thousand things' the 'human situation', 'that which is becoming', into U and non-U. What is the reason for this split? Does it derive from compassion or outrage, profundity or absurdity, or does it spring from a desire to make reality conform to the comforting straight-jacket of linguistics? Chris, do you think a linguistic analysis of the words 'Students' Association' has any value outside a philosophy lecture?

I think that being a student is relevant to, and part of, the whole individual - social, political economic, authoritarian system. And I think the whole situation of progression, regression, of love and oppression, is relevant to students. Chris, do you and fellow non-travellers think that being a student merely involved registering, working, playing, passing exams, then living your life, and finally, to nobody's particular concern (because they're all like you?), dying?

How can you, as a student, withdraw yourself so calmly from society when the very act of withdrawal has such tremendous significance? Are you saying that everything is so wonderful that you, as a student, an inheritor, an accomplice, and as an active supporter of the status-quo, you do not wish to change anything? What do you mean?

1. I agree that AUSA should campaign for students as individuals, but there is more to it than that. By ignoring the outside world and the social role of students, we would be actively upholding the status-quo, by refusing to even recognise the existence of embarrassing

social problems.

Surely the whole of existence is the realm of the University? Although the reality is that of a factory, shouldn't we be striving for the 'University Ideal', of knowledge and skills applicable to everyday life, to everyday society not compartmentalised, and sequestered away in academic playpens where no harm can be done to the system?

Everything has to do with university and, especially, the community has everything to do with students, because students will graduate to be lawyers, doctors, artists, businessmen, scientists, engineers, reporters etc, in other wo the advantaged and influential puppets in the community. As members of the student elite, individual students are forced to take responsibility for their system, by accepting it and burying their heads in sterile linguistics, or by rejecting it and trying to change some thing. (By rejecting the system you've already changed yourself, so score one for you!)

2. Twentieth century schizoid man eh? You may act, if you feel like it, but not as students! But it is in the role of the student, as well as your individual self, that you affect society and vice versa. What does 'student' mean to society What does society mean to you? What does 'student' mean to you? What do you mean to society? Why do you feel put down? How can you do the 'student' thing without becoming involved in student consciousness?

I say again, as humans you breathe and as stud students you play a social role. It is impossible to be uninvolved. By choosing to be students w you stepped into this particular arena. Will you choose the lady or the Tiger? Which is the greater kindness any way?

Chris, if I have made any false assumptions about your beliefs, would you be so good as to point them out? If you find me incoherent, I apologise, but I never did Arts, and I oppose life to precision, meaning to linguistics and reality to syntax and life, meaning and reality are not cheap, easy answers.

They are questions, that such answers are design designed to silence.

Your friend,

Steve Luke

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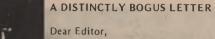
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THE SUBJECT OF SOCIAL INJUSTICE

LECHEROUS CAPITALISTIC

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FITEERING"

Craccum Ed,

Dear Editor,

Recently in my capacity as General Manager of Woolworths Variety Stores I have had cause to speak to several students from the University. In the course of the conversations I discovered that they were under the illusion that the Milk Bar was a non-profit concern run by AUSA for the students. This of course is a complete and utter fallacy as in fact the Milk-Bar is a huge capitalist concern out to make as much money as possible from the students. Completely the opposite, in fact, to Woolworths where our main aim is to give our goods away as cheaply as possible.

To cite one example, look at our thickshakes. I have heard many students comment, and our Pakuranga housewife tasting team has proven conclusively, that our thickshakes are thicker and nicer, AND we charge only 40c whereas the Milk-Bar for an inferior product charges 60c thereby making a profit in excess of 20c per thickshake.

I trust this letter has helped to enlighten a few

more students. Yours sincerely,

Mr Phil Anthropist General Manager Woolworths Variety Stores

A LETTER FROM AN ENGINEER

I'm not one to think of myself as a whinger but there are times when I feel I can't just stand by and let injustice prevail. Firstly and very importantly, either the person who organised the bursary distribution has a brain equivalent to that of a whitebait in size, or the students whose surnames fall into the E-K region are a damn sight harder up than the

Came April 11, I, as a typical hard-up, underpaid student, decided to go and rescue my 'parched' and 'on last legs' bank account by collecting my bursary. Now, also being a typical engineer (ie intelligent, handsome, daring) I decided to show these virtues by going at what I thought was an uncommon time of 12.40. However, on arriving I found a queue in the E-K line of approx 50 people while none of the other lines exceeded 8. These conditions remained constant for the time I was waiting (near 30 mins). Now I feel a simple calculator could have reduced this congestion (but maybe I'm asking too much of a person whose idea of a calculator is the S fingers on his right hand). Hopefully there will be better organisation next time.

Now, if you thought only engineers were rude and arrogant then think again. While waiting near the front of the line (finally) I was shocked to see a member of the fairer sex (I think) push in in a most unlady-like manner (I feel I'm doing this word injustice), more than similar to a bulldozer. She was also completely deaf to our insults and must have had feelings of that substance similar to that of her head. (I wouldn't dare tell that her name was Miss J.D. Francis of Mt Roskill) but i hope your bankroll chokes you and I wish you would try and not act like you look - revolting!!

Finally, I wish a little more thought had been involved when laying the red brick tiles around the cafe etc.

Running on to it in jandals gives you about as much chance of survival as a demented Japanese kamikaze pilot in a kite. This time however, it produced one of the most superb displays of brick skating ever seen. Having done a triple twist, followed by a double back somersault, all the while knocking against people, tables, etc, I finally came to a halt against a friendly, soft concrete pillar A fraction of logical thought could have prevented this. (For example, by supplying helicopters to fly people across).

Yours in traction. A. Faulkner



FLOGGING A DEAD HORSE?

Dear Noble-hearted Students,

This letter is written as a plea to your hospitality if somewhere within your tough exteriors there lies a soul read on. We are looking for people who are experiencing the joys and delights of mixed flatting and could possible throw a mattress on the floor for a weekend, and put up a disabled person.

Staying in a flat for a couple of days is part of the integration process for these people into society, giving them the opportunity to meet new and interesting people. So if the latter description fits you - don't hesitate, participate in this worthwhile experience. For further info contact Fay Culham, ph 32-106

Thanks for your anticipated help, NH' BC & MD



ANOTHER ENGINEER

Dear Dave.

As an engineer I would like to quash a few ugly rumours floating around E. school. It has been heard that a few of the more vocal engineers don't represent engineers as a whole. Of course this is absolute nonsense, the few engineers do represent every single engineer on campus - the obscnities they shout are the exact feelings of the rest of the engineering school. Furthermore I think it dispicable that engineers should have the gall to attend meetings - what right have 700 engineers to attend meetings and outnumber the other 10,300 students.

As for their boorish attempts to amuse themselves, well need I say more, what a presumption they make, to think they can amuse the enlightened apathetic few (thousand) on campus. I refer of course to their pathetic attempt of a mock battle with Alf's army. Most students thought it so piss poor they only crammed 5 deep to watch. I fully sympathize with those who waited eagerly at Alfred Street for the few f-c-wits (not all of whom were engineers any way) to get their due punishment from the law. How unfortunate for you that none of us got arrested, as it would have been far better entertainment. What does worry me, is the proximity of capping week. I know that most students like to look at the capping parade and then go home for a swim/sauna in daddies pool/sauna and go to Pauanui for their May holiday. Unfortunately engineers have found out about capping week, and all they can do is make a lot of fuss, running around enjoying themselves, I mean if it wasn't for them many people wouldn't know about capping at all, and the worries of capping wouldn't be forced upon

So it's unfortunate for all the great apathetic mob, but the engineers will be performing over capping.

Now for the unsarcastic bit;

I'm sorry if some comments made by engineers offend, funnily enough I've been offended by them at times, but for f-c-s sake realize that's what they are - a few comments from a few engineers (as well as others). I've made interjections at times, so I'm not innocent, but don't crucify the whole engineering school for the sake of some of the more ardent shit stirrers.

Perhaps I'm biassed but I think the antics of the haka party and various stirs we put on tend to brighten the atmosphere and add a little life on campus.

Anyhow, every large institution has to have someone to abuse, so beware one day the engineers might quieten down, and the music, or fine arts, or maths students might become the victims of ridicule, and then try and find enough people to give general meetings a quorum.

Bryce Dickinson Vice President Engineering Society

GHOST WHO WALKS, WRITES

Dear David,

On page 5 of issue 8 you append my name to an article concerning STB Ltd. Could I please make it clear through your columns that the opinions expressed in the article are not mine? My contribution to this article comprised correcting the spelling of the name 'Wilkinson Wilberfoss', rewriting the fifth line of the thirteenth paragraph, and submitting a paragraph (which does not appear in the article) concerning Wilkinson Wilberfoss' assessment of

a loss of \$53,566 on the non-ISIC operations of STB to 31 March 1982. *Concerning the remainder - I do have opinions, but I am hardly in a position to voice them.

Yours sincerely, Bob Lack

OFFENSIVE LANGUAGE IN POETRY READINGS

Just who does Dr Wynstan Curnow think he is? Does he consider himself a poet of sufficient merit that he can escape audience wrath with foul language as used by him recently? I refer to the two-man presentation in the Maidment Little Theatre on 28th March last when Dr Curnow deftly used obscenities which could earn less fortunate people court appearances if uttered in other public places, because in such circumstances they would not enjoy the security of Dr Curnow's 'cloak of intellectual respectability'.

Be that as it may; however, there are, I suggest, other disturbing aspects in this matter. Socalled 'intellectuals' such as Dr Curnow can surely offer little or nothing to the art of the poet, and must inevitably contribute to its discredit and lowered public respect. Not only, then, do people of Dr Curnow's ilk virtually 'bite the hand that feeds them', but even worse, public attitudes of repugnance engendered by work such as his will eventually very likely also apply to poetry readings in general, thus unjustly discriminating against those who genuinely merit public attention, in recognition and encouragement. If such a state of affairs is reached (and it would be a sad day indeed) poets worthy of the name will be without public encouragement, leading to a decline in creativity. We, as members of our society, will then ultimately all be the losers. Let us hope Dr Curnow and others of similarly-debased thinking can see fit to arrest this disturbing cultural trend. One thing would seem a certainty: the more protection they seek beneath that 'cloak of respectability', the more they must surely bear a share of responsibility for the decline of our cultural standards - after all, if we want freedom we must also accept responsibility!

'Concerned'

SPARROWFART WRITES

Dear Craccum.

Being a law student (and therefore considering myself an honorary sparrow-fart) I would like to relate to you my disillusionment with the sacred profession of the law. Several days ago. leaving behind the ivy-covered walls of the school, I wandered aimlessly (easily done if you are studying for an LLB in this day and age) to the local 'colusseum', that is, the Supreme Court. The case I witnessed made me wonder whether I am a bit wet to have ideals and such things as morals. The details of the case are irrelevant but the fact that most distressed me was the cost of justice If you are guilty and you've got the gold, there may (it's not defamatory I hope) be a lawyer who'll sell his soul to get you off the hook. All the lectures about ethics dissolve before my middle-class eyes - I see my office door in five years time; I see my annual tax return, and my eyes can see the glory of the gold. The Phantom of Paradise may have sold his soul for rock and roll but I'll sell mine for a hell of a lot more.

But alas and alack my ideals hold me back. My mind drifts to other matters. My girlfriend, wife and last assignment are all a month overdue. 'Danin my honesty,' I think as the defence counsel launches into a display of well-paid twaddle. Still, justice must prevail, but does it?

Yours, a non-Gnat, non-feminist, non-pinko law student, Captain Sparrowfoot

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Third To Last Page

The Auckland Star displayed it s incomparable sense of good taste and political acumen this week when it placed its rather meagre coverage of the United Womens Conference on the womens page! In this day and age isn't it about time that the womens pages were got rid of altogether, after all men have been known to cook, look after children, even to do housework.

Perry Mason



Again on the matter of our local newspapers. During the Easter weekend the National Gay Rights conference was held in Auckland. This conference was attended by 500 to 600 people yet newspaper coverage of it consisted of one inch in each of our papers. With approximately one in ten NZ'ers being gay and an event of that size being held why was it not reported? Were the papers scared of offending the Bartletts in our society or were their reporters too busy covering Rotary meetings or the Chamber of Commerce ????

So Ron Don, the man with the tent-flap mouth is back in New Zealand and telling us all what a nice country South Africa is (Ron knows this 'cos he's white and wasn't discriminated against once while he was there). And now that wonderful organ the Auckland Starch has seen fit to serialise Rons ravings for the benefit of us all. With the current scandle in SA regarding missuse of Government funds to boost international opinion when will an investigation be made into prominent NZ'ers who have had free trips to SA?

Remember how the present Government (in Opposition) screamed when ex-Labour MP Hugh Watt was sent to London as our High Commissioner, well look who's got the job now none other than ex-National MP Les Gandar. Well, I suppose when the Governor General's on your side you can do what you bloody well like.

This weeks *Truth* plumbs new depths of hypocrisy with its attack on the Massey capping book as being filth. This was in the same issue of *Truth* as a two page spread of a 300 pound stripper. Funnily enough, *Truth* has faced more law suits in past years than capping books ever have. Personally I find *Truth* the most obscene publication in New Zealand and feel that moves to have it banned should be taken at once to prevent that filth contaminating our children.

While on the subject of the Massey capping book it is interesting to note that I have yet to meet a woman who found their article 'How to be a successful rapist' funny. I hope the editors of that book are brutally raped in the near future, maybe then they'll realise it isn't fun for the victim. Maybe they think that people who are murdered enjoy being dead. Actually what women really like is when they are strangled, stabbed, mutilated or beaten while being raped. I'm told that men really enjoy having their balls cut off too.



Bureaucrat O. The Week Award



More Americans were murdered in the U.S. between 1970 and 1972 than were killed in 10 years of the Vietnam War. The next ler rate is 48 times higher than those of Britain, West Germany and Japan combined.

England consumes one-third of the world's hoiled sweets.

Captive squids suffering from depression commit suicide by eating their own tentacles.

New York City boasts a kosher Chinese restaurant.

A hungry walrus will take a pre-lunch snack of fist-sized stones to help digestion.

A 30-year-old taxi-driver in Christchurch, New Zealand, was awarded 10,310 pounds damages after he went into hospital for an operation on his hand and was sterilised by mistake.

More bicycles than cars were sold in the USA in 1973.

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There are enough zips in the world to reach to the moon and back, twice.

A particularly popular time to be woken by a telephone call service in Paris is five o'clock in the afternoon.

Lonely cats and dogs in the United States can meet each other through marriage bureaux.

A snail can have up to 25,600 teeth.

The Chinese newspaper Shantung Peninsula reported that 14 women were ordered to breastfeed a litter of 14 piglets because the sow's milk was sour.

When Idi Amin created the Order of the Mosquito to be awarded for civil or military gallantry, he said he was honouring the insect as a reward for its key role in inhibiting European settlement in Uganda,

Some dog food manufacturers have tried to enhance the appeal of their wares by adding synthetic colouring. Dogs are colourblind.

The automatic telephone dialling system was invented by an undertaker.

Has your curiosity been aroused at the spectacle of an ever-changing mound of muddy brown earth adjacent to the Rec Centre on Symonds Street, metamorphosing daily from a large-scale model of Pompeii one day to Fujiama the next? No, it's not the University's attempt to provide the Ski and Mountaineering Clubs with a lunchin practice, or even a prop for the Film Making Club's latest venture into epics, 'Goin' to Mohammed'. No, they are just getting under way on the fabrication of a nice little million-or-so-odd-dollar haven for the city's community of vagrants (with apologies to Adam), muggers, flashers, rapists and other assorted miscreants.

Seriously, ladies and gents, a pedestrian underpass, Stage 1 under Symonds Street to the Engineering School and the School of Architecture, and Stage II from there are to Elam. The tentative estimate of cost? The initial demolition of old buildings and piling up of that dirty great heap, through which they're then going to dig a big hole is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$85,000 then Stage I about \$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II about \$\$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II about \$\$1 million, and Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then Stage II a further \$% million is worth around \$\$85,000 then \$\$1 million is worth around \$\$1 million is worth around \$\$1 million is worth around \$\$1 million

Pray, do contemplate how many academic staff could have been hired out of the \$2 million-odd, staff urgently needed for the likes of Commerce, Law and Economic all facing serious overcrowding Still, ours is not to question......under the reign of Commerce and the University has seen agrandissement with such monuments as the Maidman Arts Centre, akin to Lenin's mausoleum, the Great Red Wreck Centre (Mao's Mausoleum?), and the Human Sciences Deep Freezer (mausoleum of MOW Public Hospital Mislocation and 300 megawatt/hour electricity bills). Incidentally, there at least two more tunnels planned; another further down Symonds Street and one under Grafton Road.

Also a little funny peculiar. When Massey University undertook a similar project to cut under the main road, the work was carried out by the Ministry of Works. So why here by a private construction firm (Downer)? Seems at least a little fishy, con't it? 'Nuff said.

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HISTORICAL SOCIETY

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Tuesday 24 April in Seminar Room 2
down in the History Dept. - 6.15pm for an
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teme. Meal tickets available at \$2 from
Linda Bryder in the History Department or
fof. Hoadley in Pol. Studs. or Dr Phillip
Thomas in the Indonesian Department.
Film - 'Battleship Potemkin' (1925)
Thursday 26 April
History Dept Seminar Room 2 at 6.00 pm
All welcome

LADIES !!!! DO YOU WANT MEN FALLING AT YOUR FEET ????

The NZ Jiu-Jitsu Assn 'Special Womens' Help Defence Course' can help you whieve this goal. This course is being held for the women of Mangere during the next 4 months at the Mangere Recreation Centre on Wednesday Evenings 6.30 – 7.30 Tuition is free, with only charge being a \$10 annual Assn fee. You must be over 16.

fiu litsu techniques enable a person to se a strength of an attacker to bring bout the attackers defeat. Techniques nelude defences for all situations obt on the street and indoors, e.g. trangles, arm, wrist and waist grabs, othes grabs, weapon attacks. This course also teaches strikes and kicks to have centre and bodies vital parts.

Also included are some simple but efective throws. Any woman wishing to bin can do so until the end of May.

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ORSO is continuing its series of films and slide-shows of areas of need and nustice in 3rd World countries. Thursday April 26 1-2 pm Nanue: B10 Library basement B10 Eagles (45 minutes) Concerns the advocacy of some ternational companies of bottle feeding the than breast feeding for babies, and illustrates harmful effects of this. A controversial film.

At present there is an organised bycott of Nestles' products in the US-aresult of concern and opposition to comotion of bottle feeding in 3rd World centries. For further details, contact ORSO 602-543 or 602-770. The may wish to join the Bottle Babies ction Group, a local group which is king to avoid any exploitation by babycods companies in the South Pacific

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University Group Meeting
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Al seeks the release of all 'prisoners conscience', ie people imprisoned for beliefs.

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a Communist state eg USSR: one an anti-communist state eg ussa; one from a non-aligned state Ghana.

Al only 'adopts' prisoners who have ther used nor advocated violence. eyone, including staff, are welcome to and our meeting. For further details the Paul Robertson (Secretary)

MESTY INTERNATIONAL PART 2

tesday April 24 (Anzac Day) 10-5 pm tay display in University Cafe. of general Auckland University Clubs Societies Display Day.



There I was, quietly sitting in the office writing some article or another when BLAM! in they came. If you can imagine the scene as the placid, peaceful atmosphere in Craccum was shattered by the arrival of about ten to 15 schoolgirls from Northcross Intermediate. So for the next half hour or so we showed them the mechinations of the dreaded Craccum and they flogged my coffee and one or two of the bolder ones flogged my bloody fags (return them please...) and on the whole we had a good old time. They then threatened to slit our throats with scalpels if we didn't print a photo of them, so ladies, wherever you are, your photo. You can call the thugs off now.

UNCOUPLED PERSONS

Resource Persons: Lorna McLay, Aloma Colgan.

Dates: Every Tuesday, first meeting April 24

mes: 1 pm to 2 pm Room A

This is a group for staff members and mature students at University who are not in a permanent relationship, and who would like to meet other people with whom they can share and develop their creative abilities whether they be of an intellectual, philosophical, social, artistic or physical nature. It is intended that people who are interested meet informally on Tuesdays with their lunch (coffee provided) to discuss possibilities for developing the kind of group which will be of real value to its members.

STUDENT CHRISTIAN MOVEMENT (S.C.M.)

Tuesday April 24 1 - 2 pm
Venue: Room 143 (beside TV room)
Student Union First Floor.
Topic: Continuation of investigation
into various Biblical themes. Led by
Psychology lecturer and S.C.M.
member Ray Nairn.
NB: Special Meeting with NZSCM
General Secretary John L'Estrange
10.30 - 5.00 pm April 25
Venue: 30 Kowhai St, Sandringham
All welcome. For further details, contact

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MOTORCYCLE CLUB NOTICE No. 1

The University Motorcycle Club is holding a film evening in Room 202 (opposite Craccum) on Thursday 26th April at 7.00 pm in which members will drool and eulogise over the exploits of other club members cunningly recorded on celluloid by an intrepid crew of dedicated technicians. (Boring home movies again, ho hum!) Any refreshments and nibbles are dirt cheap and we have some real humdinger films, so come along.

MOTORCYCLE CLUB NOTICE No. 2

Have you ever fallen off your bike. (The motorcycle club members do frequently) Well, this is your chance to come along to the Moto-Psycal Gymkhana. Events include:

Egg & Spoon Race Slow Race Slaloms etc

Prizes for: Best Lady Rider; Best Overall Dirt Rider; Road Rider. All motorcycles welcome, and bring your riders with you. For more details, see our new motorcycle club notice board behind the tramping club noticeboard.



YET ANOTHER BLOODY MOTORCYCLE CLUB NOTICE !!!

Advance W arning!!
Road Riding Freaks: Pukekohe has been booked for the first week of the May holidays. Dirt Riding Intellectuals:
Moto-ball (better than Rollerball) coming again soon.

FORUM QUAD 1 pm

Thursday 26 April
Parliamentary Democracy in NZ
NB Parliament opens May 17
Speakers: Peter Aimer, lecturer in Political
Studies speaks on behalf of the Labour
Party. Garry Knapp: Social Credit speaker,
candidate for East Coast Bays 1978. Each
speaker speaks for 15 minutes, with
questions afterwards. National declined
invitation to speak.



BRAHMS CONCERT

University Choral Society is presenting the Brahms Requiem on April 25 at 7.30 pm in the Town Hall. The concert is in memory of the late Prof. Rive and tickets can be obtained from the Music Dept. secretary. Students \$2 Public \$4

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