

# President Resigns

31 July 1979

Dear Secretary,

I hereby resign my position as President of VUWSA Inc., effective immediately.

My main reasons for resigning are largely personal as no doubt Executive members are aware. However, I would like to briefly outline some supplementary points which when viewed together with my personal reasons, made a substantial contribution to my decision which may not have been made clear at the Executive Meeting on the evening of 31 July 1979.

Firstly, one has to take into account the somewhat turbulent circumstances in which I have held the office of President. There is no way that I could continue to adequately do my job as President without the confidence of the Executive which clearly I did not have; the judgement of the Executive being erroneous or otherwise. I would like to make it clear that this observation should in no way whatsoever be seen as a personal attack on the judgement of individual Executive members or indeed of the Executive as a whole.

I do not deny that I have made mistakes, and the Executive has quite correctly expressed disapproval of some of my actions as President on at least one occasion.

The second strictly supplementary reason why I decided to resign was because of a substantial and ever widening difference of opinion between my own views and the policy of the Association itself and the manner in which it is decided, which everybody will be aware, has been quite marked during the course of the year.

My third reason is that for some weeks I have actually been considering the possibility of resignation because of a certain disillusionment with the position of President due in part I suspect to an unrealistic and idealistic conception of the job which I had when I originally stood for the post last year. I trust that some Executive members do not view this reason with too much cynicism in view of the circumstances, but I think it only fair to point out this factor in my resignation decision and indeed I would never have considered resigning at all if it had not been for the fact that this feeling was at the back of my mind in the first place.

I bear no single Executive member, or indeed the Executive as a whole any personal animosity and I would like it to be known that I fully respect their views as being truly representative of an overall desire to act in the interests of the Students' Association.

I would like to make it clear that this decision I have made, was made by me alone. At no stage while I was President was I actually manipulated by any group or groups of people and I always acted of my own self will. Indeed as President I had the unpleasant duty like many of my predecessors of saying 'no' to people on a variety of occasions.

This year of all years, as luck would have it, has been an unlucky and troubled one for students. Academic and financial circumstances have deteriorated to a great extent, and in particular many students are seriously concerned at the latest developments which affect them directly, such as the abolishment of the Standard Tertiary Bursary and its replacement with the Tertiary Study Grant and its uncertain means testing conditions coupled with the tightened criteria for retention of financial assistance from year to year. This of course, falls into the general context of the cuts in education spending which have occurred recently.

In connection with this, I would urge that students realize that there are going to be in all probability further cutbacks in the education area. More importantly, they should realize that they must actively express their concern in whatever way possible about the cuts in education spending.

At the same time, students and students' associations must be realistic; their position must not become so extreme as to render the position of their representative bodies as being seen to be naive by the government of the day. Cuts in Government spending are necessary and inevitable and a large part of the role of a students' association must inevitably be seen as consulting with Government as to where the cuts will fall so as to cause the least harm to everybody concerned. In a way it is a "catch 22" situation but nevertheless, students must continue to express concern at the prospect of the education sector bearing a disproportionate part of any future cuts in Government expenditure.

I would like to conclude by thinking those who have supported me in the past. I would like to thank past

and present Executive members for their valuable work and the time they have put in and also the staff in the Office, Penny, Gaye, Lee and Anne, for their patience and help in many different types of situation which have occurred during the year.

I also wish students the best of luck with their academic work and hope that in the end they achieve what they think they came here for in the first place.

Andrew Tees.

## Editorial

Today (Monday 6 August) is the 34th Anniversary of Hiroshima Day — the day President Truman shocked the world by ordering the explosion of two nuclear devices on the Japanese cities of Hiroshima and a day later on Nagasaki. The horror that the world felt at the time, which has indeed concerned all those who follow, is not based so much around the extent of devastation and loss of life that occurred. Hiroshima has been exceeded for its sheer brutality, most famously by the fire-bombing of Dresden earlier in that war, however, it has become symbolic as the first, and thankfully only, demonstration of the devices that could obliterate civilisation as we know it.

The specter of a nuclear war has waxed and waned ever since Hiroshima and in a sense the "nuclear generation" has become blasé about its ever present threat. It is with a resigned fatalism that we listen to the Russians and Americans rattle their arsenals and inch closer to the red button. The lesson of Hiroshima is that we cannot afford to do that, the horror is too great.

Yet in our concern for avoiding a nuclear holocaust we must be careful of not over-reacting or more precisely of reacting to the symptoms rather than the causes. Nor should we take the short-term view of applauding every move that appears to temporarily alleviate the "arms race." The Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty (SALT) is a classic example of an incorrect reaction to the "nuclear crisis." SALT is being touted by Carter and his supporters, in a sharply divided US Congress, as the solution; the measure that will prevent another war such as the one that culminated in Hiroshima.

However only the most optimistic could view SALT in that light. Historically the evidence is all against it solving the struggles between the US and the USSR. Both World Wars were preceded by disarmament treaties similar in form to SALT. World War I was preceded by the Hague Peace and Disarmament Conference of 1907, World War 2 by both the Paris Peace Treaty and the Washington Naval Treaty. None of these treaties prevented or even hindered war, although they were acclaimed great victories for peace at the time like SALT they were tactical manoeuvres undertaken by nations preparing for war.

With the US we see a superpower being challenged for supremacy by the ascendent USSR. On the retreat since her defeats in Vietnam, America is now trying to buy time, as she grapples with problems of a collapsing economy. The SALT proposals, or more precisely the protocol that goes with the treaty, are all aimed at deferring rather than preventing technological advances and curtailing an arms expenditure that [unclear: neither] superpower, but particularly the US, can sustain. However SALT does not produce any [unclear: real] reduction in the size of the arsenals (those [unclear: reductions] that do occur involve scrapping already [unclear: obsolete] weapons), it merely limits growth to level that both can afford.

The reason that SALT is acceptable to the [unclear: Soviets] is that, if arms developments and numbers are equal, the USSR has the advantage through its strategic position. US military officials are concerned at this aspect of SALT more than another. For example equating their missile and submarine fleets hinders US ability to intervene in Europe, but has little effect on the USSR's potential to invade. In an interview this year, Henry Kissinger stated that SALT reduced the ability of the US to pose a threat should the USSR invade Europe.

There is another particularly important aspect of the conflict between the two super [unclear: powers] that must not be overlooked. There is no certainty that any armed conflict between them will result in a nuclear war. Indeed it seems unlikely, unless there were a military engagement directly between the two of them, that nuclear weapons would be used. The most likely scenario is that the conflict will centre around some third region, most probably Europe, a prize the USSR has long been eyeing. Clearly, deploying nuclear weapons would only serve to remove [unclear: the] value of the eventual prize for the victor.

Therefore when we examine the military position of these two nations we should also look at the conventional forces that each could [unclear: deploy]. While we should not forget the lesson of Hiroshima, neither should we forget Dresden, Vietnam or Korea — mankind can do a lot of [unclear: damage] even without nuclear devices. SALT in no way alters the balance of these forces - the forces [unclear: which] which it is most likely any major war will be [unclear: fought].

Peter Beach.

JOE SPUTNIK AND THE MYSTERY OF... Quick! Mr. Sparks has passed into a coma! surely your magic car help him! THAT'S RIGHT! TURN HIM INTO A DOLPHIN! I'm afraid that this is the work of science. There is little I can do. From studying Mr. Sparks' case and the other mutants about, I can only assume that by being trapped in this sphere we are all subjected to whatever biochemical factors control these mutations. EPISODE 16 "ANALYSING THE PROBLEM" IF Mr. Sparks has been here for three years as he claims, the process must be a gradual one.... It might be best to find out who has been here the longest and who is therefore likely to be the next victim! well that counts us out! we only arrived here the day before yesterday!  $E=Mc^2$  Not at all! You may be particularly susceptible!! AS FAR AS I KNOW, I ARRIVED HERE IN A CARDBOARD CARTON MARKED NO. 6! MY MOTHER ALWAYS WANTED ME TO BE A CHICKEN BUT I WAS LED ASTRAY BY A MAN WITH A HOT STOVE. THAT MUST HAVE BEEN ALL OF 6 MONTHS AGO.... SHALL I GO ON? you needn't bother. You're an egg! aren't affected! what terrible product of science is responsible for these sinister mutations IS IT EPISODE 17? CONTINUED...

## [unclear: Pearls] before Swine

Photo of Robert Muldoon

What happened recently at the three [unclear: s] of National Party Conference was [unclear: lly] all inevitable. There has been a [unclear: ba-] conflict between the thinking within National Party and the actions of the [unclear: tional] Government. On an "Eyewitness" [unclear: gramme] on SPTV on 29 August, Julian [unclear: it], Dominion Councillor of the Party, [unclear: pressed] the view that National had [unclear: al-ys] stood for "private enterprise" and [unclear: itiative]", but over the past three years [unclear: s] philosophy has not always been [unclear: ref-ted] in the Government's actions.

Earlier in the same programme, interviews [unclear: re] carried out in some of the homes of the [unclear: tional] Party members who brought a remit to the conference which intended to "[unclear: reaf-]n" the belief in private enterprise. The [unclear: nplaint] registered in their Party's [unclear: Govern-nt] was, essentially, that the level of [unclear: pu—c] expenditure is "choking private [unclear: enter-se]" and "inhibiting New Zealand's ability function economically". They complained that we "depend entirely on the welfare state" and that we have lost our "pioneering spirit" and the ability to do things for ourselves.

Solutions to this "economic crisis" were seen to be found in less "regulation and control" of the economy and the cryptic "allocating resources based on market forces." The Government should, so these people maintained, spend less on social welfare, intervene less in all fields and cut back the size of "the bureaucracy". And the remit with all its philosophical connotations, was passed overwhelmingly.

## Back to Basics

On the last day of the Christchurch conference we were treated to George Chapman waxing lyrical in a climactic speech to delegates. Chapman, the president of the Party, had first brought up this issue after ground was lost by the Party in last year's election and in the face of failing popular opinion of the Parliamentary team. And so it was logical that Chapman should cast his eye to the 1981 election.

A leader in the 'back to basics' movement within the National Party, Chapman claimed that the Party was at a "crossroads"; that it had two choices. The first was to "tiptoe timidly" into the 1980's (with the same "she'll be right" attitude prevalent in the late 1960,s) or, the Party could "go boldly", giving "purpose and direction to all New Zealanders". Naturally enough, George quite likes this second choice, and he backed it up with the exhortation to move ahead with "colours flying" and "with our flag flying on our philosophical masthead."

Well, if you have read this far, you may be wondering what all this means. And, of course, it's not an unreasonable request. So, I will attempt to give you my interpretation.

## An Economic Issue

Essentially, the conflict between the parliamentary wing and the membership of the National Party is an economic one. Quite simply, the overwhelming feeling within the rank and file is that the Government is not producing the economic policies, and results, that they desire.

New Zealand's economic system is a capitalist one. On this point I believe that few National Party members would disagree; for "capitalism" is simply another term for the system of "free enterprise". Capitalist systems can be distinguished by the presence of one group of people who own and manage industry and business, and another necessarily larger group of people who work in those businesses and industries, produce commodities

and are paid wages by the first group. Again, this last point, I imagine, would not be disputed by National Party members.

However, the point at which the National Party and I would fail to continue this agreement, is the claim that a Government acting in the interests of the first group - of business — is acting in the interests of all New Zealanders, and those of the country. In fact, delegates at the conference a week ago made great use of this argument in their rhetoric. They spoke of the unity of all New Zealanders, used the word "us" to signify that we all have the same interests and that all can be equally satisfied.

Unfortunately, this is simply not true. National members see that there are two distinct social groups, yet cannot see that the interests of each are not the same. In fact, the interests of the first group (or, "bourgeoisie") are diametrically opposed to those of the second group (or, "the working class".)

In a capitalist society such as ours, workers must sell their labour power to the capitalist. Workers rely on this employment in exchange for wages and the capitalist relies on the labour power of the workers. The capitalist supplies the workplace, the worker works and the capitalist then owns and sells the product of this labour. In this exchange between worker and capitalist, the worker produces commodities which have a greater value than the wages he or she has been paid. By producing commodities of greater value than wages paid, the worker therefore gives to the capitalist the commodity of labour power, over and above that which has been paid for.

This is what happens in a capitalist society, and this is the reason that it is said that a capitalist system (or "free enterprise" system) represents, or works in, the interests of the employing group - the bourgeoisie. Logically, capitalism cannot work in the interests of the working class.

## A Return to Free Enterprise

Returning to the National Party conference, the remit calls on the Government to act in favour of the free enterprise system; and, therefore, in the interests of the bourgeoisie. So, presuming that the call is heeded, what action is the Government going to take in the near future, and what does it mean for the future of New Zealand.

We must not overlook the fact that this call has come in the time of a protracted economic crisis; a time when economic forces make business much more difficult to operate profitably. In these times, the employing class, and their Governmental representatives, take great pains to protect their interests. Unfortunately for the vast majority of New Zealanders, these steps cannot be in the interests of the working class.

This, I believe, is exactly the interpretation to be placed on the calls from the National Party conference of a week ago. They are calls to the Government to step up its programme of "restructuring" the economy to increase the cuts in education, health and social welfare spending and to cut Government spending overall. This is what is meant by "allocating resources based on market forces": to cut spending to a level which will not hurt business at all. Calling on the Government to reduce regulation and control of industry means allowing the largest companies to grow, merge and create monopolies. The call is to increase competition, but the aim is really to reduce competition within business to create a more stable, but smaller, number of companies.

Drawing of two old men symbolising workers and the rich elite

There is no doubt that Muldoon has been strenuous in his promotion of the interests of the ruling class - but Muldoon is also a man with an eye to the next Election. He knows that the implementation of these policies will meet the resistance of working people and others. Thus his enthusiasm to carry out these policies is tempered. And now the call has come from his own Party to, in effect, disregard opposition and press ahead under full steam.

What specific steps will be taken is not easy to say. The remit, and the discussion of it, was couched in very general terms. In fact, when the Birkenhead delegate who moved the motion was asked on television what specific Government action he wanted to see, the response was an embarrassed silence for a good ten seconds. It was followed by apologetic words to the effect of: "the present situation is bad, and I hope that the Government does something." Clearly, the Party has given the direction, now it is up to the Government to implement it.

As a final point, there was some opposition to the remit during discussion. This may seem surprising, but it arose because some delegates understand that Government spending works both ways. That is. Government money is also channelled heavily into "private enterprise". To give but one example: Tasman Pulp and Paper in the four years from 1974 to 1977 made profits totalling 32 million dollars. Yet they paid no income tax during this period. Furthermore, 68% of the profit made during the 1977 financial year was made up of export incentives and tax credits, paid out of taxpayers' money. It's nice to know that someone other than dole-bludgers and lazy students receive Government assistance.

Stephen A'Court.

# Salient Notes

Fergus Barrowman. Ah! The very nunc is [unclear: folent] of fine wines and smelly feet. Ever [unclear: ce] be arrived, we were at his mercy. His [unclear: stu- dily] and puppy dog unattractive new, [unclear: captiva-d] all who met him. Every day he would [unclear: gam-] into the office and joyfully drink the saucer milk Helen Aikman had left for him, after [unclear: nich] he would zoom into paradoxms of [unclear: in-tile] pleasure.

Unfortunately, one day, whilst exhibiting these [unclear: o-Magnon-type] characteristics, he did the [unclear: unthinble]. Bounding about the room like a demented [unclear: op] on the end of a pogo stick, his twinkling [unclear: hoo-s] landed firmly on the large and rather flat feet Geoff Adams. As others in the office realised [unclear: at] he had done, an awful hush descended on the [unclear: owd.] Indeed, there was a lull in the conversation.

"That's.... that's.... that's the technical editor" [unclear: mmered] a distraught Craig Hill, as less [unclear: coura ous] members of the staff began to edge towards [unclear: e] door. Curiously in the lead of this group was [unclear: mon] Wilson. "Yes, it is late, isn't it", he [unclear: grin][unclear: ed] pathetically. Particularly sadly for this [unclear: lit-e] collection of cowardice, their escape route as blocked. Unbeknownst to the, someone [unclear: d] installed one of those pneumatic door stop [unclear: ings] on the exit and it was beyond their [unclear: com-ned] resources to open the door.

"See you later, folks", chortled Andrew Beach, [unclear: ortlessly] sliding his slender, frame under the door. [unclear: ittie] shit" hissed Peter Beach who had tried to [unclear: o] the same but found his mouth wouldn't fit th[unclear: ugh] the gap. Infamous lateral thinker Norm had [unclear: ally] found an alternative route. Miming a [unclear: fa-us] fairy tale he let down his hair, and scabbled [unclear: riously] after it The rather humourous aspect of [unclear: his] plan was that Norm had forgotten that his hair only ¼ inch long, and he plummeted to exile on [unclear: op] of a rather sharp chimney.

Virginia Adams, possessing as she does a [unclear: sym-athetic] but rather amaemic personality, flicked [unclear: spoons] full of pate at him, explaining that they [unclear: e] full of life giving vitamins. Poor Norm was unable to appreciate them though as he was busy fending of Geoff Byng's snapping jaws. "Peace, peace" chanted Jonathon Taylor, hitting a tambourine and scattering flowers. Helen McNaught adopted a more pnagmatic approach which involved a rubber tomahawk, and was generally unrepeatable.

"Oh, I think that's a bit strong" said Mark Wilson, stuffing \$13,000 worth of typesetter down his jersey and attempting to make a run for it. It takes a lot to get Lorraine's Wilson's interest aroused, but this was sufficient, and she was after the miscreant in huge, if rather ungainly, bounds.

Sometime later, after mysteriously throwing Lorraine off the scent, Mark commiserated with Tim Rochford. "There's got to be a better way to write an essay" he said. "I can probably sell you one" said Andrew Ross, large dollar signs lighting up his normally turgid eyes. Kathyryne Fleming; Jessica Wilson and Grant Gillatt rush towards him, but were forestalled by Nigel Parry, who was waving in one hand his moral objections and in his other hand a large calibre revolver, which gave everyone food for thought.

Everyone that is except for Alan MacArthur whose only thought was for food. To further this aim, he was gnawing contentedly on Stephen A'Court's shin, egged on by Andrew MacCullum, the hat that climbed the bean pole. "That's a rude thing to say about anyone" said Rire Scotney. "You should have said it about Michele A'Court." "But why bring up bean poles at all" inquired Paul Norman. "Because they're there" screamed Leonie Morris, blithely throwing Martin Eadie around the room as if he were only so many potatoes.

As you may have realised by now, Peter Beach had little to do with editing this paper, and VUWSA is becoming increasingly reluctant to publish it. Thank God for Wanganui Newspapers Ltd., Drews Ave, Wanganui who print it anyway.

## Top of the Week

## Tell the Truth

REDS KEEP HOLD ON STUDENT PAPER By TONY DOMINIK COMMUNISTS will continue to control Victoria University's student newspaper Salient. Attempts by some students to wrest domination of the paper from what they described as a "bankrupt splinter left movement' failed last week A special general

meeting of the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association voted not to elect the Salient editor by ballot in preference to the current system of appointment. And the meeting, attended by around 500 students, also voted not to introduce referenda that would hinder the students association to follow a certain policy for 12 months. The meeting was organised by a group that calls itself the Victoria Reform Committee, a member of which is students' association president Andrew Tees. Spokesman Phillip Saxby told Truth the committee wanted to make the actions of Salient and the student executive more representative of the entire student body. Mr Saxby said his group felt the problem of a representative view being expressed could have been helped by a change in the method of selecting the editor. At present the editor was 'appointed by the "publications board" consisting of six members elected at a Student Representative Council meeting, some executive members and later the editor himself Mr Saxby said SRC meetings, which were open to all members of the students association were dominated by the same clique that ran the paper. Most students left the SRC alone because they couldn't afford two hours every two weeks to attend meetings, he said. iming problem Mr McDo situation was that simple. Removing ents from f these are methanol — a or four years into car desi NZ. TRUTH, Tuesday, July 31, 197

If you are an avid follower of Truth (even if it is just for the racing pages), you will have noticed an article entitled Reds Keep Hold On Student Paper. As an "ordinary student", you may have been somewhat surprised to notice that the person commenting on the SGM was Mr Phillip Saxby, neither a student nor a VUWSA member. If you listen to Radio Windy you would also have heard Mr Saxby talking about the "reforms."

The obvious question, is why should a person who is not even a student be concerned with Student Association affairs to the extent of issuing numerous press statements? Who supports him, if indeed he has much support on campus? Who pays for his leaflets and advertisements?

The Victoria Reform Committee is the facade behind which he masquerades. Unfortunately for Saxby, one of the major moves of the Reform Committee, an SGM, which was to change the appointment of the Salient editor and introduce a referenda system to VUWSA's policy making, was overwhelmingly defeated. However, Saxby not content with the decision made by a large number of Victoria students, has pledged to continue the struggle to reform VUWSA. In press statements reminiscent of the McCarthy era, Saxby accuses the Association of being run by communists who do not by implication work in the interests of the student body.

But in whose interests does Saxby work? At a time when students in particular and education in general is experiencing a massive onslaught of attacks by the government, does it help our fight back campaign to have statements, such as these printed in Truth or broadcast across Radio Windy?  
Lindy Cassidy.

## Bottom of the Week

### A Fowl Idea

*"We shall defend our island whatever the cost may be. We shall fight on the beaches....."*

If you were stranded on a south-seas island with only Robert Muldoon and Michael Fowler for companions, would you:

- drown yourself in the nearest oil slick?
- begin a new civilisation? or
- build a casino?

Perchance one day you discovered your antipodean paradise was none other than Soames Island. Would you curse your luck and demand immediate rescue by a Japanese fishing boat and then make a fortune with that "book which tells all", to be entitled "Muldoon - The inside story - A study in cannibilism." Consider these choices carefully for the fate of Soames Island hangs in the balance.

Of olden times this pearl in the bosom of our harbour has been the frontier post of our Pastoral Empire. Many is the noxious beastie which has been foiled from entering Godzone by this outpost. But alas, the pioneering days are over. Soames Island must go forwards, here a few proposals.....

It seems that our mayor has got bright ideas. A plague upon his liberalism. Yet it is no wonder, poor man, having such a brigade of mincing nannies as Councillors, that he has turned to gambling.

Apparently he went beyond the call of duty on his recent American tour. Inevitably he fell in with a bad crowd and this, combined with a bad run or cards, drove him into an unfortunate association with one Giorgio Gamberelli. On returning home, the up-shot of all that was that he was forced to make the Council an offer they couldn't refuse: one-way tickets to Vegas with the Town Hall Fund for spending money. Naturally they gave

the go-ahead for yet another Fowler Foible - the Los Somas Casino. Will the Mayor really forgo a possible Knighthood to become a godfather?

Outraged that Fowler has once again plotted to corrupt the people, our very own Delphic Oracle (otherwise known as the Evening Post editorial) has proclaimed that Soames Island is Noman's land. But who is this Noman? Any fool knows that Noman is an island, so what the hell did Soames think he was doing? Oracles pride themselves on being confusing even at the best of times, but if Soames isn't an island, who is? Noman?

The Oracle has been a little het-up lately crusading on behalf of Noman; he being the only God-fearing citizen in the land, the rest having been turned into [unclear: dru] crazed murderers or solo mothers. Will [unclear: s][unclear: mes] ever tolerate Noman on his island?

Rob Muldoon is a man who knows he has a right to all things in this land. But then we all know that Rob's been feeling unloved and unappreciated lately. Maybe he's lost his titanic touch and then there are those stories about him skipping [unclear: th] country and joining the World Bank.

But ponder a moment.... What is a bank to he who hath dined at Bellamy's and gazed upon the fair isles? What would Napoleon have done if 'ere he was Elba people questioned his commitment to free enterprise? Believe you me it won't be loll before Rob and his bosom pal Kiwi Keith are plotting their Waterloo right in the very heart of Wellington. Before you can say [unclear: G rge] Chapman, Soames Island will have ceded the country with Rob Ceaser, tyrannical accountant at the helm ad infinitum, and Kiwi Keith as G.G.G.G (Good Guy Governer General). And Rob will say, 'I came, I saw, I grew lillies', and Keith will say. "They could never throw eggs this far. Will Rob ask the Shah to stay when the [unclear: li]llies bloom?

However, a Lilly Republic is not everyone's idea of a paradise. God only knows we have to pay to live in Godzone - it must follow that Soames could only be a [unclear: paradis] - Elysian Fields, Kiwi Capri and all that. [unclear: all] Government might decide one day that all the rest of the world was Soames Island to be known in future as Overseas Island (with a capital O), where in the best tradition of the Welfare State culture would be made compulsory for all. Mind you, it would be no mean feat to pack several thousand years of civilization on to Soames Island, and still keep it afloat. Nevertheless, some bliss must be left to the hereafter.

Maybe if Soames Island was given a [unclear: Gr] name Bob Jones would buy it. At least being off the mainland would shut him up a bit, may be it would be a good site for the 1984 Olympic Games - just the right size for the number of countries which will, by then, be prepared to play sport in New Zealand. [unclear: D mmit], the thing is an eyesore and a navigational hazard. Would anyone who knows the whereabouts of Soames please tell him to claim his island before Michael builds a Town hall opera house casino in Rob's lilly garden which really belongs to Bob.

Richard Riddiford.

## Graffiti

### Graffiti of The Week

- On the breasts of a barmaid from Crale was tattooed the price of pale Ale and on her behind for the sake of the blind was the same information in Braille.
- If Batman was so smart why did he wear his underpants over his trousers?
- Karl Marx's grave is a communist plot.
- Confucius say: Man who puts hands in other man's pockets isn't feeling himself today.
- Government is like a porcupine except the pricks are on the inside.

Drawing of three people writing on a blackboard

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## Surprise Win for Bob

## Report

[unclear: The] snap resignation list Tuesday night [unclear: sident] Andrew Tees transformed what

[unclear: promised] to be a short uncontroversial [unclear: a] "Impossible." they cry) into some bas[unclear: oss] between the Nuremberg Trials [unclear: lecture] on constitutional law.

[unclear: es]' resignation meant that the [unclear: Execu-] cording to the Constitution, had to [unclear: nt] from amongst itself someone to be [unclear: dential] candidate at the next SRC, in [unclear: see] the next day, and after being [unclear: elec-][unclear: ke] over the job for the remainder of [unclear: car]

[unclear: seems] the Constitution, though, has no [unclear: ion] for what happened at the meeting, [unclear: t] the Executive's appointee, Woman President, Caroline Massof, was not [unclear: d]

[unclear: At] before this little puzzle had everyone [unclear: ing] for their copies of the Constitution [unclear: rguing] over what to do, Tees told the [unclear: ng] of his reasons for resigning, (A copy Tees' letter appears on page 2.)

[unclear: Following] his speech a motion thanking [unclear: ew] for his work as president was passed [unclear: mously], but the beautiful moment was [unclear: shattered] by a raucous bellow from one [unclear: a] Craw of "Let's hear the real reason for [unclear: signation]". No sense of occasion, poor

[unclear: rohne] Massof then told the meeting her [unclear: ns] for accepting nomination for [unclear: presi-] and outlined her involvement with the [unclear: tation] and her experience on the [unclear: Exe-] the ended up by saying that the fight [unclear: st] education cuts is not yet over and [unclear: he] will work hard towards gaining an [unclear: ate] living allowance for students.

[unclear: a] show of hands, however, the [unclear: mee-] ejected the appointment of Caroline, [unclear: hat's] when the shit hit the fan. First [unclear: as] Lindy Cassidy, who explained to the [unclear: ling], in case people didn't realise, that [unclear: osition] of president had to be filled,[unclear: ac- ng] to the Constitution, by a member of [unclear: executive.]

[unclear: len] Aikman then repeated this piece [unclear: formation] and, after a disruptive Mr [unclear: s] was silenced by Paul Norman, said Caroline had been the Executive's [unclear: un-][unclear: ous] choice of candidate. She moved the motion be reput in case people had [unclear: nderstood] the situation when they had [unclear: voted].

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[unclear: an] Vice-President Paul McHugh [unclear: obli-] referring to part k, section five of that [unclear: wed] document, which says:

[unclear: ert] a vacancy occurs the Student [unclear: Re-entative] Council shall as soon as [unclear: prac-le] appoint a member to fill such [unclear: va-y] provided that only an elected [unclear: of-I] shall be appointed to fill a vacancy [unclear: e] office of President."

[unclear: he] crunch words, obviously, come [unclear: af-e] office of President."

[unclear: aul] said that there had been "careful [unclear: deration]" for 2½ hours before the [unclear: utive] had decided Caroline was the person to recommend to SRC. The choice the meeting faced, he said, was to have a member of the Executive fill the vacancy "or else have no president at all." "The choice is as simple as that. The loss of this motion means effectively that there will be no president and therefore no Association."

He said that people should not vote against the appointment of Caroline just because they may disagree with her political views, because the role of president was more administrative than political.

Rire Scotney said that whether the meeting likes it or not the motion had to be recommitted, "unless you want to change the Constitution which we can't do here (at an SRC)", after which Peter Beach asked whether the Executive's appointment effectively meant that Caroline was the only member willing to stand for the position. Paul McHugh replied that Caroline is the only member of the Executive with the necessary time available, and experience to invest in the job. The fact is that all its other members have portfolios at the moment was a major consideration in the choice, he said.

Photo of people taking up vote

Clown prince Winter then outlined a game which he thought the meeting should play, namely "Presidential Chairs" (similar to musical variety). It seemed a silly game, but Gerard said that "that's about as silly as we are being here." Urging that the motion be reput, he said, "If you want to vote against Caroline you can, but for God's sake let's get on with it". The motion that the original motion be reput was now put (tricky, isn't it), and carried.

Discussion then moved to whether or not Caroline was the right person to fill the vacancy and if not how the problem of having no president could be resolved.

Alan Phillips said that the Association has an Executive that is "split down the middle" and that it would be wrong to elect someone as president who holds a view too far to one side of that split, as, he said, Caroline does. "We should therefore find someone who is as near as possible to neutral", and to achieve this he suggests

debate on who should fill the vacancy should be allowed to continue for a week. Leslie Brown then asked why the meeting couldn't appoint an interim president from the Executive until the general elections for 1980 were held in the third term. He would be "quite happy" to vote for such a motion, he said.

In defense of Caroline. Victoria Quade said that the only reason people didn't want her as president was because of her political persuasions, yet Lindy Cassidy, "who you all know has got pretty strong political views," proved an excellent president for two years. Referring to the very successful Citizen Band concert recently, Victoria said the reason it was a success was because "Caroline worked bloody hard on it." "That's the sort of thing you should be looking at and not some 'right versus left' nonsense."

After Dan Cottrell bemoaned the fact that 'a handful of students were deciding who was going to be president, Gerard Winter asked the meeting why Caroline was not present at the meeting. "She's out watching 'Days of Our Lives', that's why. Do you want a president who watches 'Days of Our Lives'?" The truth was Caroline was required to leave the meeting while the question of her election was being discussed.

Simon Wilson then moved a foreshadowed motion that, if Caroline was not elected, that she be appointed interim president and that position be filled for the rest of this year by holding a by-election in conjunction with the approaching general election. This was seconded by Peter Beach.

Speaking against this, John Penney argued, somewhat oddly, that if Andrew Tees was as incompetent as people made out then the Executive would be able to get by without a replacement "quite well" for a couple of weeks. Chairperson Margaret Underwood pointed out, however, that if for nothing else, a president is needed to sign cheques and chair committee meetings.

Exec member, Martin Eadie said that Caroline should take over the task of president because she is the only member of the Executive with the necessary experience. "She is the only member who was on it last year," he said. "Five of us were elected last month and only two others have been on it the whole year."

Gary Lewis tried to have the voting deferred to enable "the large number of students who are probably still in bed" to take part in it, but he failed and the motion to appoint Caroline president was rebut. But after all that it was lost again. So over an hour of arguing had resulted in no progress on what happened in the meeting's first 15 minutes. Things were getting desperate.

Help appeared on the horizon, however, in the form of Simon Wilson and his foreshadowed motion. After another outburst from Robin Craw was silenced by the chairperson, Simon said that in his opinion the motion that Caroline be appointed interim president until the general elections are held "resolves everything that has been said till now."

John Penney moved another foreshadowed motion that Caroline be appointed until an election could be held at an SGM, but a few minutes later withdrew this motion and said people should vote for Simon's motion.

Leslie Brown also urged the meeting to vote for Simon's motion, saying it was "the most sensible thing I've heard so far this lunch-time," after which Victoria Quade berated the meeting for its lack of rational argument and the way in which Caroline's qualifications for the job had been ignored by the voters.

Robin Craw again got up to speak and managed to blurt out "There's been a cover-up here" before a hail of jeers and a chorus of "Off, off, off" forced him to return to his scat. A motion that the speaking order be re-opened to allow him to have his say was defeated and in a resounding victory for good sense Simon's motion was passed unanimously. It had taken an hour and 35 minutes to get there though.

Half of those gathered then disappeared out the exits as the meeting moved onto reports. There was only one, from Simon Wilson on the Fightback Campaign, at the end of which he thanked everybody who had helped with the campaign. He made special mention of Joanna Tuffield. Geoff Adams, Caroline Massof, Heather Worth, Tere Scotney and Ganesh Nana for the unstinting work they had done on it.

A motion of thanks to Simon for his work on the campaign "and for organising the most successful march in Victoria's history" was moved by Johnathan Scott and seconded by Tere Scotney. Needless to say it was passed unanimously.

After the meeting had been told by Paul Norman of what the Association was doing in support of the campaign to save Whirinaki Forest, a motion was moved by Caroline Massof and Simon Terry for VUWSA to endorse Simon Wilson's candidacy for the president of NZUSA was passed unanimously.

The election of delegates to the August Council of NZUSA was the last matter to be dealt with. The only contested elections were between Tim Rochford, Andrew Beach and Paul Norman for the two positions of national delegate and between Leonie Morris, John Henderson and Robyn Wood for the two positions of international delegate. The first was won by Tim and Andrew, the Second by Robyn and Leonie.

The other delegates are: Chief delegates Caroline Massof and Helen Aikman, Finance and Administration Margaret Underwood and Peter Beach, Education Rire Scotney and Geoff Adams, Women's Rights Victoria Quade and Virginia Adams and Accommodation and Welfare was Bob Wallace.

Mark Wilson

FOOD CO-OP FOOD CO-OP On Wednesday the 8th of August at 10 am there will be a meeting in the

Union Hall to discuss the formation of a food co-operative. Anyone wishing to become a member of a food co-operative should attend. Bob Wallace, Welfare Officer.

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## Why Merv doesn't Like us

### Education Fightback: Who's Fighting what?

Last week while speaking to a motion calling for the election of the Salient editor, I alleged that the 'Education Fight-back' campaign had been damaged by the publication in Salient of two puerile and amateurish articles attacking Merv Wellington, Minister of Education (see 'Bottom of the Week', Salient July 2 & July 16 — both by Andrew Beach.)

Do these articles represent the Salient editor's views on responsible political action and journalism? It seems that by its silence the Publications Board condones such damaging journalism (sic!). The level of personal abuse to be found in these articles surpasses anything contained in either extreme right or left-wing New Zealand newspapers.

The publication of these articles was undoubtedly partially responsible for the Minister's refusal to speak at a meeting of Wellington Polytech students (see 'Evening Post' July 18, 'Minister calls off talks with students'). Victoria students should censure all those associated with the childish personal attacks that will have been seen in many quarters as representative of student opinion. For as the Minister wrote, "The tenor of student protest over recent weeks has led me to believe that my address at your polytechnic.....would have provided a platform or forum for those intent on displaying their disagreement with Government decisions, in a manner not conducive to constructive dialogue on the important topics of technical education" (my emphasis).

Strange indeed that it is in the Evening Post that such matters of vital importance to students are discussed. When will our own newspaper take up the matter and seek to publish the full content of the Minister's letter and perhaps interview him? Is informed, constructive debate no longer encouraged in your newspaper?

### Whither the PSA?

Was the planning of the campaign against Government education policy as a 'fight-back' due to our PSA friends? (whose enthusiasm does not seem to be balanced by either perceptive political analysis or by responsible political action.) Such a 'fightback' campaign eventually polarizes the issue in a way that does not encourage informed dialogue.

If there are those amongst us who wish to debate the issue on the basis of a Marxist analysis let them say so and we will happily reason together on those grounds. Are we really going to have a more informed public (and that is surely what we need in a democracy) if the issue is presented as a fightback or class struggle? It would be wise for those members of the PSA to reflect on their actions in the fields of journalism and political activity that have led to a polarization of the issues to such a degree that it can only count against responsible student representation at government level in the future.

### Unimpressive Government Policy

Let me point out that I am not impressed by the Government's education policy There is no doubt that successive governments have taken minimal action on class size and teaching conditions (I have been part-time teaching for 2 years). Almost inevitably the Government has acted in terms of short term economic and political expediency (the secondary teachers' pay offers are a prime example.) Does that mean that we, through the pages of our newspaper should mount an equally pragmatic counter-attack?

Let us have informed debate on the relationship between state and the university. Let us not confuse primary, secondary and tertiary education. Is tertiary education really a right, or is it a privilege? What are the responsibilities of tertiary institutions? Questions of no relevance I hear! Well is the government responsible if because of its cuts in the university budgets, these institutions are forced to put up fees even further next year?

While the complexities of the issues alluded to above have been lost, in a crudely planned campaign rarely discussed in a constructive manner in Salient, the question of student tertiary grants does need urgent attention. The Government's action on grants is a clear example of an ill-thought out, thoroughly undemocratic and pragmatic approach.

It seems inevitable that regulations governing these grants will be shuffled through Parliament during the long vacation when students are least able to mobilise against them. (Well gang that's democratic manipulation - smacks of SRC to me) Our association and its national counterpart must be prepared and empowered to act on our behalf when the Government finally moves.

Peter Beach is incorrect in implying that a broadening of the range of topics in Salient relies entirely on student participation (Editorial, July 30). Why don't Salient staff get off their chuffs, give us less of their own opinions and seek through interviews and guest articles, the opinions of other students and staff members. We look forward to seeing an interview with the Minister of Education replacing personal abuse and we desperately await alternative political analysis to that of the PSA who hide their crude, vulgar and emotional 'Marxist' position behind a barricade of supposedly rational arguments.

Alfred Harris.

Photo of a group of students gathered with protest banners

## The Education Fightback Coordinator Replies.

Many of the points raised by Alf Harris require answers. As this is the last issue for a little while the editor has allowed me to give those answers here, instead of waiting for a new term. It would be worthwhile I think, if other people gave their opinions in subsequent Salients.

Firstly, a few things need to be realised about our Minister, Merv Wellington. Unlike his predecessor, he has shown no signs of representing education in Cabinet or anywhere else. Nor has he even displayed much understanding of the issues involved. This has been demonstrated time and again by his press statements, radio interviews, meetings with education group representatives, letters etc. Many examples have been related in these pages. Merv is a hatchetman.

If we, as students on campus, had any reason to believe that the Minister was prepared to sit down with us for "constructive dialogue", we would be in like a shot. But Merv refused to come on campus before the Education Fightback campaign got off the ground. Furthermore, it is with the NZUSA National Officers, not with Vic students, that the Minister will conduct any talks. Those officers have met him more than once during the campaign, and each time have had Merv distort the nature and result of the meeting. He even made one meeting up!

Presumably, Alf has not forgotten that Merv's Government introduced the TSG behind the students' backs, by allowing us to think we were engaged in "constructive dialogue" and thus lulling, to an extent, our campaign spirit. Alf claims that there has been a "polarisation of the issues to such a degree that it can only count against responsible student representation at government level in the future."

In fact, all the evidence points the other way: the more annoyed, the more prepared to take action a group can show itself to be, the more the Government has to listen. We aren't the best pressure group in the country but we're improving all the time. Students vote too.

## The Polytech Letter

The Minister's letter is significant in three ways. None of them are mentioned by Alf, who claims that the Bottom of the Week articles must have played a part in keeping Merv away. Again, there is no evidence of this. The reason Merv cites is that Salient "advertised" the Minister's impending visit to Polytech. This is nonsense. The offending sentence, which read "Merv Wellington speaks at Polytech" was buried in a small article in the campaign programme.

The reality is that the Minister speaks publically to no-one except those people he feels absolutely safe with. Even the NZEI has trouble getting hold of him. Merv used Salient as an excuse. This should not be confused with his basic reason for refusing to speak, which is that he is too scared to front up for his own policies to people he knows are antagonistic to them. That is the first thing to be noted about the letter.

The antagonism was not dragged out of thin air by the campaign. 3,000 people were not conned into marching in Wellington ton on July 26. Those 3,000 know in *[unclear: t]* own right what is wrong with the *[unclear: Government's]* policy on education.

The second point is that the letter deliberately tries to drive a wedge between different student groups. This should be and is being, resisted by all of us, university and technical students alike. The *[unclear: thrd]* point is that the Minister pretends *[unclear: th]* his Government thinks technical *[unclear: educat]* is important. Fine words, but the *[unclear: Budg]* tells a different story.

## Issues and Analysis

It was disappointing that more *[unclear: peopl]* not come forward to write articles for " cation Fightback

News," the weekly supplement printed in Salient during the [unclear: campaign]. Yet I cannot see how this can be tributary to the tenor of the campaign. The invitation to write was repeatedly [unclear: m] There were only two articles rejected: [unclear: b] of which I wrote myself and never [unclear: found] space to print.

As for the PSA involvement, all I can say is that everyone who worked on the campaign will know of the large amount of energy put in by many PSA [unclear: membe] But Alf's claim that this meant a "[unclear: Marxi] analysis, has me beaten. Quite frankly, [unclear: I] haven't a clue what he is talking about [unclear: a] I would be very pleased if he could be [unclear: m] specific. Most campaign workers will probably be very annoyed if he doesn't (I hope he is not objecting to the fact that "Marxists" were allowed to speak at forums.)

"Let us have an informed debate on [unclear: th] relationship between the state and the [unclear: unversity]. Let us not confuse primary, [unclear: secodary] and tertiary education," suggests [unclear: al] Excellent idea. But again, I hope he is [unclear: n] suggesting that I write the articles on [unclear: botl] sides all by myself The questions Alf [unclear: rai] ses are, contrary to what he thinks "I" or hers might say, extremely relevant.

Alf claims that the campaign was [unclear: dely] planned" and "rarely discussed in to structive manner in Salient". I am happy say this has not been the opinion of [unclear: anyoelse] I know, from students to the leaders other education groups. As it happens, I manner of people were involved in the [unclear: nning], and execution of the campaign, think they did a bloody good job. I also know there was always room for more [unclear: he]

In summary then two points stand out. Firstly, it is naive to think that if we [unclear: spe] and act nicely towards the Government, [unclear: y] will be nice back to us. For students to stop making a fuss about education cuts in the strongest way they can would be just what the Government dearly wants.

Secondly, (and I make this remark [unclear: ful] in the spirit of pursuing a much-needed de bate) it is a bit difficult to fathom the reasoning of someone who criticises the short coming of something whose overall objectives he agrees with, yet who did absolutely nothing to help make up these [unclear: shortcom] while the opportunity existed. Where [unclear: were] you all term, Alf?

Simon Wilson

Campaign Coordinator

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## Wanna Buy a Button.... Please

### [unclear: Capaign] Report

[unclear: st], a few statistics. We've sold 1250 [unclear: ns], 850 stickers, and still have a few [unclear: of] each if you want to buy. Gross [unclear: e] during the campaign has amounted [unclear: eral] thousand dollars (including the [unclear: gs] from two concerts and two socials). [unclear: nt] estimates of our costs (not all the [unclear: re] in yet) suggest that we will have a [unclear: is] of \$200-\$300. That's good news, [unclear: on't] all start clamauring for your [unclear: mo- back], because there are some areas [unclear: e] the Association has accepted costs, [unclear: e] Coordinator's honorarium) and this I[unclear: y] should be paid back. Donations [unclear: ill] being gratefully received.

[unclear: The] have about 2,300 names on the [unclear: peti-] We need another 1,000 at least. So if [unclear: hink] you might like to sign a petition [unclear: g] for adequate levels of university [unclear: filing], call in a: the Studass office or the [unclear: aign] room, or watch out for signature [unclear: tors] coming your way.

[unclear: The] July 26 turnout around the country [unclear: e] Auckland 2,000, Hamilton 1,000, [unclear: Pal-on] North, 1,700, Wellington 3,000, [unclear: Ch-urch] 600, Dunedin 3,000.

### [unclear: H] was it?

[unclear: Next], a quick assessment. I think [unclear: Educa-] Fightback has been a big success. Not just because we had the biggest student march in Victoria's history, although that must rank as part of it. There are

some other very important reasons:

- We have shown ourselves that mass action by students is possible.
- We have shown it to others, particularly the Government, which has for some time been labouring under the misapprehension that students couldn't give a damn anymore.
- An enormous number of people have become involved in Association activities, and that can only be of benefit to all of us.
- Links have been forged with other education groups, where previously there was little contact.

Two other reasons stand out:

- Our campaign, in conjunction with action being taken in other education groups, has made Education one of the big issues in the country. Listen to any commentator talking about the state of the country. Education will always be mentioned as an important concern. Talk to people about the conditions they, or their kids are facing. More and more, people are not sitting back and accepting it. They know there is opposition to the cuts, and they are joining in that opposition.
- The Government, and the Minister most of all, is running scared. The fact that up and down the country students and teachers have been calling for his resignation (as we did at Parliament) has Merv Wellington very worried. He has gone to extraordinary lengths of asking the University Grants Committee to control students! And bit by bit, the Government is giving way. Teachers are also fighting back and they will get somewhere by doing so.

The quinquennial grant for universities, to be announced later this year, will be bad news. But we can rest assured that it would be a lot worse if Education Fightback had not gone ahead. The simple fact remains that the student campaign led the way for everyone in the universities. Administrators and academics accepted the value of the work we were doing. And if that quinquennial is bad, we will be out in force again. The Government knows that, and can't afford to let it happen.

## A Thousand Million

There weren't a thousand million people working on the campaign, but I would like to make a thousand million thanks to those who did. More people than ever before gave their time and energy to Education Fight-back. Without them, we would not have had July 26.

A few of those people I would like to specifically thank: Joanne Tuffield, for taking on just about every task and doing each one better than most; Geoff Adams, for organising most of the publicity and still being able to smile when he sees a leaflet; Caroline Massof and Heather Worth for organising most of the fundraising activities and a lot else besides; Ganesh Nana and Tere Scotney, also for taking on whatever had to be done with daily enthusiasm; and Peter Beach, for allowing the campaign to make such good use of Salient and not complaining too much when copy came in late.

## What now?

Is the campaign over? Well, no. Four things are coming up.

- The petition, as mentioned above.
- John Elliott (Govt No 2 on Education) has indicated that he would still be prepared to debate the issue with Labour's Russell Marshall. We are trying to jack that up for the 3rd term.
- Door to door leafletting. Beginning early next term, we will be organising door to door leafletting, with the aim of taking the issue directly to the public.
- A skills workshop. There are many simple but very useful skills involved in campaign work, from putting out a leaflet to hiring a megaphone. A day long workshop where people can talk about and learn these skills will be held on Wednesday in the Salient office. See separate notice on these pages for the details.

Simon Wilson,  
Campaign Co-ordinator

## How the Real Journos do it

[unclear: NE] of thousands of Wellington students who sang. [unclear: cted], and chanted protests yesterday. They were demonstrating against against recently announced \$1.8 million in Government spending on education.

University students and staff, teacher trainees, [unclear: chnical] institute students and some secondary school [unclear: pils] joined forces in the ranks of marchers. They [unclear: assembled] at Victoria University at 11am, then marched [unclear: rough] the city to Parliament.

A group of university students from the drama [unclear: studies] course led the march with an on-going [unclear: pantomime]. A masked "Mr Muldoon" cracked a whip and [unclear: led] a black-gowned "teacher" on a dog chain. A [unclear: yellow-and-red] clad jester named "Merv" performed tricks for lunchtime pedestrians.

Students chanted "Education cuts don't heal" and sang "When Will They Ever Learn" Banners read: "One [unclear: day] Education", "Education is a right not a privilege" [unclear: and] "We don't want to be MPs so let us have an [unclear: education]".

At Parliament they were addressed by opposition [unclear: spokesman] on education Mr Russell Marshall.

Wellington's papers, part of the "Independent" Newspapers Ltd empire, didn't seem to think much of the largest student campaign in the city's history. Admittedly, the Dom did give as front page and a photograph, but made no attempt to get at the issues involved.

As for the Post, a comparison of the Dom copy with the underlined parts of the Post story reveals the full extent of its journalistic integrity.

## Strong Protest Against Cuts [unclear: in] Education

*Students throughout the country [unclear: yesterday] marched in protest at the Government's move to slash \$11,800,000 off [unclear: education] spending.*

The nationally- [unclear: orchestrated] campaign, Education Fightback, " was [unclear: aimed] at bringing home to [unclear: the] public that the quality of [unclear: education] in New Zealand [unclear: is] threatened by cuts. In Wellington thousands of [unclear: demonstrators] from Victoria [unclear: University] and polytechnic [unclear: marched] on Parliament, [unclear: nearly] 2000 students turned [unclear: out] for similar protests in [unclear: the] Auckland and [unclear: Unedin]

There were calls for the [unclear: resignation] of the Minister [unclear: of] Education (Mr [unclear: Wellington]) at a protest meeting in [unclear: Cathedral] Square, [unclear: Christchurch].

The protests were mainly peaceful, though a young man was arrested in Dunedin after he had squirted marching protestors with a hose from an office window.

In Wellington the president of the NZUSA, Mr C J Gosling, said the size of the protests demonstrated that New Zealanders would not accept the downgrading of the education system.

The Government could no longer ignore the depth of feeling about the education cuts, he said.

In Wellington thousands of students sang, acted, and chanted. University students and staff, teacher trainees, technical institute students and some secondary school pupils joined forces to march.

They assembled at Victoria University then marched through the city to Parliament. A group of university students from the drama studies course led the march with an on-going pantomime.

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## Campaign Skills: Salient Wednesday 8th

Do you know how to produce a leaflet? How to write a press statement? Where to get materials for banners and placards, and where to make them? There are lots of things to know when you're working on a campaign. Most of them are easy.

As a roundup to Education Fightback we are holding a "Campaign Skills Workshop", for anyone who is interested, to talk about these things and learn how to do them.

Programme:

- 10am : Writing a leaflet
- 11am : Designing a leaflet.
- 12noon - 2pm : Break for SRC.
- 2pm : Writing a press release
- 3.30pm : Banners, placards, pasteups, etc.

- 4pm : Poster design
- 5 pm : Finish.

All Welcome.

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## Whirinaki vs. Forest Service

### The gospel according to O'Neil

#### Why the forest service can do a better job than God!

Once upon a time (1965) there was a forester (Mr Bob Collins) who lived in the middle of the most beautiful forest (Whirinaki). This forest contained the last three stands of totara forest left in the whole world.

One day he noticed that the totaras were dying when they were only 350 years old, which is young for totara which can live for 1200 years. He called in the wizards from the Forest Research Institute in Rotorua who, after 5 years could find no spell to save these forests and pronounced them doomed. Doomed to die, not at the hands of God but by axe and saw.

"One of these (3 areas of totara forest) was in such a bad state that it has been totally logged, we are felling the second one now and the third has no sign of disease.

"This last area is all green and healthy and we are keeping our fingers crossed and hoping it escapes disease at least until we have come up with some answers. We have put a road into it but will not touch it unless the trees start to die and we can do nothing to save them." Thus spake the forester. Bob Collins on 10 January 1972.

#### What do we find in 1979?

Of the 500 hectares of dying forest all but 40 hectares was clear-felled. The remaining 40 hectares has now recovered and is alive, and well and all set for another 800 years or so of life ! The Forest Service have committed perhaps the most heinous crime of the the entire history of man in New Zealand. Their blind arrogance in presuming to know better than nature (and that's only crossing their fingers and hoping) has cost us our last totara forest and probably completely unnecessarily.

The third area of totara forest which was not to be touched unless it too tried to die, the Forest Service is now logging regardless of earlier interviews to reserve it. At current logging rates this last stand will be extinct in 14 years.

Despite blatant evidence of 40 hectares of healthy totara forest, the Forest Service will not admit they might have been wrong. Like the spot of blood on the hand of Lady Mac-Beth, this 'spot' of totara forest will haunt the Forest Service till their dying day.

#### The Forest Service goes public on Whirinaki

At a recent press conference 'O'Neil, the current Director-General of Forests, is once again trying to play God — in Whirinaki this time, "These dense stands have a limited life." he said, "in two to three hundred years they will cease to exist."

One wonders how they managed to exist over most of the lowlands of the North Island before man arrived. And how they have survived for two hundred million years without any help of the Forest Service just defies

the imagination.

"These dense stands are a first crop following the Taupo eruption (of 140 AD)", Mr O'Neil claims - no evidence was forthcoming to suggest why the podocarp forest should wait 1200 - yes 1200 - years before deciding to recolonise the area devastated by the eruption.

It is tempting to look at Mt Tarawera which erupted in 1885 and devastated a considerable area - yet substantial podocarp regeneration has already occurred after only one hundred years. The evidence is quite overwhelming enough for me to convict the Forest Service of deceiving the public and the politicians so as to gain support for their plans to play logging games in the last of our great mixed podocarp forests.

The Forest Service also fancy themselves as experts on wildlife too. When Mr O'Neil was asked if logging was going to threaten birdlife - apart from suggesting birds might benefit he said there was "no threat at all." This is most curious when one considers that the area is renowned for its abundance of kaka and parakeet which is most unusual. The kaka feed on bugs in the rotten wood of dead and dying trees. What I want to know is how the Forest Service thinks the kaka is going to benefit by the removal of all the dead and dying trees by selective logging. Don't tell me — "Let them eat cake" left over from loggers lunch boxes!

## So what is this selective logging?

Mr Andrew Kirkland, the Assistant Director-General of Forests, recently commented that the published literature on selective logging "would lead one to be somewhat disturbed." Selective logging is the new Forest Service technique of removing less than all the timber in a forest - extraction rates vary from 20% - 80% of the volume of timber.

Results from trials on the West Coast and in the West Taupo forests show that in dense stands, following research standard selection logging losses from wind throw and damage induced disease exceed the natural increment. That is - the Forest Service has administered the "kiss of death" to these forests which may progressively fall apart until no forest remains.

In the name of scientific research they are now risking doing the same thing in Whirinaki's dense stands - those described by Sir Charles Fleming as the noblest stands of all. Mr Ure, the Conservator of Forests, Rotorua, has said that this attempt to manage a forest of this type is the first in the world; what he forgot to mention, is that it is also the last. If they blow this one they'll have to wait a few centuries before they get another crack.

If Mr Kirkland is "somewhat disturbed" by the published literature, I am more than somewhat disturbed by that which has not been published. Mr Ure said that a selective logging trial had been carried out in Whirinaki in 1975 with clear felling equipment which had "an unacceptable level of damage" but the results will not be published — because they are "atypical". The days of the openness of science are not so much numbered as past. When asked when results from West Coast trials would be published Mr Kirkland replied, "There is a lot of work to be done before we get entirely satisfactory answers."

It has also been rumoured that Mr Bunn, the Director of the Forest Research Institute is suppressing the publication of results from a selective logging trial in medium dense forest in Tihoi State Forest, West Taupo. It is said that results show that:

- at 30% selection logging (removal of 30% of the volume of timber in the forest) losses exceed growth three-fold;
- at 55% extraction, losses exceed growth nine-fold - not so much 'kissed to death' as 'raped and murdered'.

Hardly a fair and open presentation of the facts to help the public formulate opinions on Forest Service operations.

And talking of formulating opinions, the Forest Service have published a management plan for Whirinaki forest and invite public comment. Copies available from Forest Service Head Office for \$2. More information on the forest and how to write a submission to Mr John Ure, Conservator of Forests, PO Box 1340, Rotorua is available from the Native Forests Action Council (Wellington), PO Box 11 -101.

Submissions have to be in by August 17th - whatever opinion you have developed, make sure Mr Ure knows what it is. Our forests are in your hands - and remember the Forest Service's understanding of "balance" is, having lost 99% of our dense lowland podocarp forest in the North Island they want half of what is left in Whirinaki! Will the last great podocarp forests become the late great?

Alistair Graham.

Photo of a forest

## Conservation Week

This is National Conservation week. On Tuesday the Minister of Forests, Land and Environment is to speak at a forum entitled: "Environment Impact procedures, where have they gone?"

This forum will include such speakers as Richard Prebble, Opposition spokesman and whip, Guy Salmon from the Native Forest Action Council, Dave Dawson from Environment and Conservation Organisations of New Zealand, Mr Hall, Manager BP Chemicals, a representative from the Government's "petro" Corporation, and Mr Stewart, the General Manager for the Wellington Harbour Board (re the Kaiwhara—Whara 4.95 ha reclamations.)

This forum will provide a unique opportunity for people able to attend to come face to face with those men and women who are at present making decisions that will decide the roles and actions that they will fulfill, and the type of world that everyone will live in for the rest of their own and their children's lives.

## Japan - Pollution and Poverty

### What Price a High Economic [unclear: grow]

Japan is looked to as the classic [unclear: ex] of how a highly efficient industrial [unclear: cou] try can operate. In terms of dollars [unclear: and] cents Japan is indeed a highly [unclear: successfu] country. If however we broaden our [unclear: p] spective a somewhat different picture [unclear: e] Japan emerges.

### Deformed Children

Recently an increasing number of [unclear: Ja anese] children have been born [unclear: displayin] curvature of the spine, gnarled bones [unclear: ar] other structural disorders. Although [unclear: th] Japanese Government refuses to [unclear: prepar] or release details, studies undertaken by local authorities have shown that in [unclear: som] heavily industrialised areas up to 80% [unclear: o] children born in any one year suffer from serious disabilities. A research project known as the Wild Monkeys Programme as predicted that by 1988 20% of the [unclear: ch ren] born in Japan would be displaying congenital dysfunctions.

It is believed that in some parts of Japan this level has already been passed. One study undertaken by the Kung'n' nwa prefecture of Tokyo followed the development of 14,920 children, born 1969-70. for seven years.

The figures returned showed that, of those children that survived birth, 13.9% are suffering from structural malformation. A further 7% have conditions for which there is no "classical" explanation Such things as holes in the heart, no natural connection between the stomach an the bowel, children with six fingers on each hand, no fingers and the like.

### Causes of Death in Japan

From the figures that are produced by the Government's Central Department of Health, the following observations emerge for the year ended 1977.

Infant mortality (0 — 1 yrs): 22.7% of deaths are due to malformation. ([unclear: Japane] research workers maintain that this figure is actually well below the true proportion

1 — 4 yrs: The major cause of death is accidents, followed by malformation. These are followed a long way behind by "Normal Medical [unclear: Causes]".

5 — 9 yrs: The major cause is again accident, the second is cancer, the third, malformation and then "Normal Medical Causes".

For the rest of the population, graduated from 15 onwards, suicide, accident and cancer interchange as the three principle causes of death.

Suicide is accepted amongst Western societies as being part and parcel of the Japanese culture, however there are many Japanese who are questioning the presently rising rate of suicide, particularly among the young.

Official Government figures show that in 1977, 784 children aged between 9 and 19, committed suicide, with nearly 8000 attempted suicides being reported (those where intervention prevented death). Police Department figures suggest however that these figures are seriously under estimated.

### The Nature of the Society

In Japan at present there are 334 chemicals that may be legally added to food-stuffs. Any one slice of meat can be shown to contain 88 of these. For example Japanese beer contains 12 chemicals US studies have shown that the bulk of the chemicals sold in Japan lead to high blood pressure, cancer, rashes and [unclear: ked] skin

(which allows direct entry [unclear: detergent] into the blood stream). [unclear: e] dishwashing liquids, at the "[unclear: corr-dilution]" kill cockroaches on impact. [unclear: thpaste] tubes contain lead and the [unclear: e] itself contains saccharin and [unclear: deter-s]

## [unclear: Industry].

At present many Japanese industries still involved in polluting land, air [unclear: r] and the human habitat. Although some [unclear: he] worse offenders have been [unclear: expor-] to Malaysia and her neighbours, a considerable number of polluting [unclear: indus-s] still remain in Japan.

[unclear: t] is believed that the types of [unclear: chemi-] that are being released in parts of [unclear: in] (PVC. methyl Chlorides, Mercury [unclear: are] leading to the deformities and [unclear: ted] medical problems referred to earlier.

For example the occurrence of [unclear: "mine-a"] came from people eating fish that [unclear: e] contaminated with Mercury. The [unclear: cury] replaced calcium in the bones [unclear: sing] them to become severely weakened, results were that hundreds of people unable to walk, talk or feed [unclear: themself-] and the agonising deaths are still taking [unclear: e]. It took the Japanese Government [unclear: rs] to take steps to prevent this [unclear: happ- ng.]

## [unclear: Evis ion] the Social Leveller

At present there are a greater number [unclear: olour] televisions in Japanese homes [unclear: n] there are actual homes. In Tokyo [unclear: re] are nine key channels broadcasting [unclear: n] 5.30am until 2.00am.

The situation has now arisen where [unclear: anese] social workers are finding that [unclear: drer] from the city are saying on [unclear: jour-s] to the country that the excursion [unclear: ot] "life-like enough". That, "the [unclear: col-] is not as good as on television."

There exist recently formed anti-tele-on organisations. Their task is an awe-someone, they have to combat effects brought by things like children watching up to 75 minutes television before school and an incredible (extreme) limit of 8 hours afterwards. These kinds of figures are almost incomprehensible to people brought up in a New Zealand situation.

There are other effects. For example many Japanese primary school students no longer actually "play" during their play breaks. The response of many schools has been to build over old play grounds.

It is maintained that the students prefer to talk amongst themselves rather than enjoy outdoor relaxation. It is a response to the bombardment of information and stimuli that are self, but mainly put on them from outside. Their main topic of conversation? Television.

Aerial view of land

## Benevolent Slavery

Japanese industry provides schools, houses and sometimes even matrimony to its workers. The line "I've sold my soul to the company store" takes on awesome proportions when it is noted that the bulk of Japanese people will go to school, spend their lives with and be buried by the corporation their parents and children will have worked for,

## The Lesson for New Zealand

The current Japanese situation has resulted from the type of (non?) planning and development that the country has undergone. Over the last 40 years Japan has gone through the type of fundamental changes that many "free enterprise" promoters in New Zealand are presently advocating.

This type of situation revolves around a mammoth injection of overseas funds. In Japan's case this was in the form of postwar redevelopment loans. For New Zealand it is the attraction of our natural resources, be they cheap electricity in the south, Maui gas fields in the North or iron sands all over the place. Our Government has invited the foreign investor to buy these resources.

While increased industrialisation may appear at the outset to be highly desirable for New Zealand, we must consider the level and kind of industrialisation we can afford.

The expenses that are involved in this type of development are not ones that accountants have shown themselves able to measure. It is the environmental cost that must be considered.

Many people believe that it is not possible that New Zealand could ever approach the situation that Japan now finds itself in. People likewise said that Britain would always be able to take our produce, that oil will never run out and that the Great War (WWI) was the war that would end all wars.

The time has come for a determined effort for comprehensive planning. The first decision that must be made is that of the type of life style that New Zealanders are to lead. It is therefore essential that we do not allow Government to further entrench the country on the path to becoming an arm of the "Great Multi-National Corporation.

The present policy of the National Government has been to suspend any planning procedures when they have been found to interfere with either economic or political expediencies. For example the Minister of Energy recently announced the Government was importing an Ammonia Urea Plant for Kapuni. He further stated that there were to be no environmental assessment procedures carried out.

This is the kind of development envisaged in the Japanese parallel. The wholesale adoption of techniques and technologies which may lead to undesirable effects without investigating these effects or instituting appropriate safeguards, is in itself an incompetent action. If it is allowed to continue it will place New Zealand on the road to socio-environmental disaster.

It is worth noting, in conclusion, that from the outside Japan appears to be environmentally aware, having retained 75% of its forest cover while New Zealand still logs its trees for export to many Japanese industries. Environmental planning is not therefore readily apparent in such things as the numbers of trees left standing but must exist as a state of mind for the people and the decision makers.

Paul Norman

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## **Vietnam: the Asian time ~ Bomb**

### **The Explosion**

On 16th June 1979, Deputy Prime Minister Mahatir announced that Malaysia would send the 70,000 Vietnamese refugees on its coast back into the deep seas and shoot any others who try to land. These blatantly savage attempts to solve its refugee problem caused shock waves around the world.

However, a few days later, in face of the the international outcry, the Prime Minister, Hussein Onn backed down on the Government's 'tough' stand, maintaining that such action would only be taken as a just resort.

With the benefit of hindsight, many political reporters maintained the 'shooting policy' was a political gimmick to speed up the Western countries' resettlement program, in order to rid Malaysia of its Vietnamese refugees. The analysis though plausible in the international context, has totally overshadowed the equally deep underlying implication to its internal audience.

It was no mere coincidence that Mahatir author of the infamous "The Malay Dilemma" (banned in Malaysia for its overt racism and anti-national sentiments), also called for a Vietnamese refugee holocaust on the Malaysian shores. It will probably be more efficient than the Nazis gas chamber, as there will be no corpses to bury and no mass graves and tell tale evidence.

Had such an extremist call been from an ambitious UMNO youth leader, it could be easily dismissed as an old trick, long practised in UMNO for those who want a publicity ego trip. But such a form of extremism from a pariah, who is none other than 2nd in command to a vulnerable Hussein Onn, can be terrifying to a nation sitting on a hotbed of racial violence.

### **Handling of the Refugee Problem**

The first refugees arrived on the shores of Malaysia after the fall of Saigon in '75. They were mainly Vietnamese ethnics seeking greener pastures in the Western World. The United States, licking its wounds in the sidelines after a humiliating thrashing, (the defeat of the world's military giant by some "Stave carrying peasants) could not swallow her pride. True to Uncle Sam's spirit, she decided to intensify the propaganda war, to cover up a lost military war.

Hence, for a brief period there was a hustle-bustle of human shipments from Vietnam and operation Airlift Baby. The sensational live telecast of ex-president Gerald Ford gingerly huddling one of the cute little babies, was flashed across the TV screens all over the world. Later, the world focus was no longer on Vietnam, and the refugee problem was also conveniently forgotten.

Meanwhile, the refugees continued to arrive at a steady stream in Malaysia, rising to a peak in 78-79, the height of the Vietnam-China conflict. From the very beginning, the Malaysian Government refused to

recognise them as bona fide refugees, a discriminatory departure from former policies, and contrary to the humanitarian spirit as adopted by the United Nations. Despite international censure, the Malaysian Government obstinately clung to her practice of calling the refugees illegal immigrants for obvious sly political reasons. Under international laws, illegal immigrants could at any time be booted out of the host country and deported back to where they came from.

Secondly, the double standard of the Malaysian authorities in dealing with the refugees is despicable. Since the beginning of the secession war by Muslim minorities in Mindanao, Philippines in late 1972, there began a mass exodus of Muslim refugees to Sabah. It was estimated that there are still around 100,000 refugees in the East Malaysia state. To date, the Malaysian government has maintained a silent approval or more precisely turn a blind eye to their presence. Fan Yew Teng, (an ex. DAP MP) in a letter to Far Eastern Economic Review, 11 May. 1979 wrote:

"To the credit of the Malaysian authorities there has been no fuss, outcry, stone throwing or drowning for these people of the Muslim minority group running away from the oppression of the Marcos regime. They are not called illegal immigrants but are allowed to stay as refugees. Why, then, should it be different for the Vietnamese boat people? Is it because they are of a different religious and ethnic background."

Also to the credit of the Malaysian authorities 4000 muslim refugees from Kampuchea were also allowed into the country. The question thus, is religion or race a means test for humanitarianism?

Granted Malaysia is a third world country, clouded with internal problems and frustrated by the hypocrisy and half-hearted resettlement plans of Western nations, however the ruthless treatment of the Vietnamese still impinges and breaches the international code of humanitarianism. To quote a recent TV news:

"A leaking boat loaded with 100 refugees was towed into deep sea by the Malaysian authorities, given only 4 hours of fuel supply. When finally picked up by a World Vision ship, it has been adrift for 3 days. All occupants were suffering from dehydration and hunger and only 2 out of the hundred could stand on their feet!

## Tracing the Roots

The Malaysian Government should be held responsible and unreservedly censured for its atrocities and barbaric disregard for human life. But the refugee problem is neither the beginning nor the end. One should not be totally bogged down with short sightedness and sentiments. Neither sympathy, tears nor financial contributions will end the problem. The refugee problem, which could only be stopped at its source, is but only the tip of an iceberg. A more dangerous and complex time bomb lies hidden - that of a Vietnamese specter over South East Asia. Last December, Vietnam invaded Kampuchea with a 100,000 strong army. Today she hovers over the Thai border, with insatiable appetite for South East Asia.

With the wolf knocking on the door, the ASEAN leaders were mopping cold sweat as they huddled together in Bali. A thinly disguised international SOS was hurriedly issued. Sheer desperation in a 'Do or Die' situation has finally driven some sense into ASEAN. For the first time, it dared to point the accusing finger at the culprit (even though they failed to name it.)

Even before the end of the war in Indochina, Vietnam had long harboured the ambition of the Indochina Federation under her control. The opportunity came after the war. The US fled leaving behind a large arsenal of military hardware. With success gone into their head, the Vietnamese leaders boasted being the third strongest military power in the world. Russia immediately cashed in for the loot. With the moral boost of a new military 'treaty' and fresh ammunition, Vietnam set off on a path of aggression, eyeing not only Kampuchea and Laos, but the whole of South East Asia.

Being a country at war for more than 30 years, Vietnam's economy is in a shambles. Economic reconstruction should be her top priority. Hence, to drum up for aggression beyond her territories, the Vietnamese regime has resorted to Hitler's tactics, to propagate jingoism. Like the victimised Jews, the 3 million Chinese minority in Vietnam were singled out as scapegoats for persecution, especially in view that China would be an obstacle to her expansionist ambition in the region.

Being more subtle than Hitler, the Vietnamese regime decided it could make a fast buck by providing one way passage, with lots of exit taxes, to her "undesirable" people. At the same time it has the effect of lowering unemployment, decreased demand on scarce food, and literally lessen all other economic headaches of supporting a huge population with a sick economy. Further, these boat people would disrupt the already shaky regimes in SEA. Hence, by discharging responsibility of her people, she is also hitting many birds without even wasting one stone!

## The Answer?

For too long (four years) the world has decided to shut its eyes as Vietnam washed its dirty linen. Such

escapism was a sad mistake. Today the pollution is already beyond tolerance limit in many countries. The answer is to act now and fast.

The refugee flow has to be turned off and Vietnam severely reprimanded for violation of human rights and inhumane treatment of her people. The first positive step has been taken by many nations, that of suspending economic aid while such atrocities continue. It necessary economic and trade sanctions can be imposed against her if she refuses to toe the line.

But more importantly is to contain her military aggression and political ambition in the region. SEA countries should be vigilant and unite to frustrate the Vietnamese Russian conspiracy to colonise SEA. China, too has an important role to play Another Deng Xiaoping type lesson might do much to deflate Vietnam's expansionist: ego.

Pak Hassan.

.....*the refugee problem is neither the beginning nor the end.*"

Photo of people in boats

Aug 6 -10 Open12 - 2 Also open during films — watch notice boards SOME OF THE KIDS WHO COULD DRAW. Exhibition of Design and Art Organised by the Students' Arts Council. Displayed in the Memorial Theatre Foyer.

## Worth Fighting for!

## A History of Gay Rights

*During Gay Pride Week at the end of June, Chris Parkin. Senior Lecturer in Philosophy, gave a public lecture on the Gay Rights Movement in New Zealand, its history and its aims. Salient is pleased to reprint the basis of his address.*

Photo of gay rights campaigners on parliament steps

## The Gay Rights Movement in New Zealand.

(a public lecture delivered at Victoria University of Wellington on 28 June 1979.)

- A Decade of Gay Liberation Today is being observed internationally as a day of Gay Solidarity. Throughout the world gay men and women, together with their straight friends, are celebrating a decade of gay liberation. And we are saying it with flowers too! Hence the pink carnations in evidence here as elsewhere today.

On 28 June 1969 there was yet another police raid on a gay bar in Greenwich Village - the Stonewall Inn in Christopher Street, due apparently to some petty infringement of liquor laws. However there was no moral doubt in the minds of many present that such infringements were being used as the proverbial stick with which to be labour a hitherto largely uncomplaining gay minority. Harrassment, especially on the part of the police, is notoriously difficult to prove. I'm sure there are many groups in this country who have wondered, and felt powerless to do more than wonder, whether they are not victimized in the administration of our liquor laws. It would be instructive to compare the fate of rugby social and gay social clubs in this regard.

Ten years ago, however, the Greenwich Village gays rebelled. In a three day fracas, known to posterity as the Stone well riots, gays gave angry voice to their sense of outrage and frustration. And in that squalid violent crucible was forged a new determination to win for themselves the rights and above all, the plain human dignity of which they had been systematically and, at times malevolently, deprived. Such was the birth of gay liberation.

## The Forerunners of Gay Liberation

The global growth of gay liberation has a history of a mere ten years, but it was not born into an entirely hostile world. As early as 1897 Magnus Hirschfeld founded his Scientific Humanitarian Committee. It, and a number of similar groups in Europe, led by Germany, did more to champion the cause of homosexual emancipation than is usually acknowledged nowadays. Indeed it stands to the latter-day gay rights movement in a relationship not unlike that between the early suffragettes and contemporary feminism. Nevertheless, that particular movement died by suppression with the rise of Hitler and the Third Reich.

England in the early 1950's saw growing dissatisfaction with the law concerning homosexual conduct. Ecclesiastical and secular bodies, such as the Church of England Moral Welfare Council and the Howard

League for Penal Reform, helped to create a situation in which the Wolfenden Committee was appointed.

It produced its report in 1957 and, in May 1958 the Homosexual Law Reform Society was founded, with the objective of lifting criminal sanctions from homosexual acts between consenting adults in private, the principal recommendation of the Wolfenden report in respect of homosexual conduct. And, as we well know, it was not until a decade later, in July 1967, that the English Sexual Offences Act finally implemented the Wolfenden Committee's recommendations.

## **The Foundation of the NZ Homosexual Law Reform Society**

In New Zealand, 1957, the year in which the Wolfenden Report was published, heralded a revision of the Crimes Act 1908. In 1959, the Minister of Justice, Mr H.G.R. Mason, moved by the suicide of a homosexual friend in Auckland and acting independently and not as the result of any report or recommendation, sought to introduce a lesser penalty for homosexual acts where they took place between consenting adults. Mr Mason's proposal had, unfortunately, some anomalous effects and some of his opponents used this fact to accuse him of master-minding a secret conspiracy to legalize homosexual conduct, a suggestion which predictably attracted wide publicity. Mr Mason, fed up with the bother, directed a reversion to the existing law which, with one or two minor modifications became the relevant clauses of the Crimes Act 1961.

Less than a week after the Crimes Bill had received its third reading the New Zealand Methodist Conference called for legal toleration of homosexual acts as a first step towards a constructive response to the homosexual's invidious social situation. In 1963 the New Zealand Howard League began to apply pressure upon the Minister, Mr Hanan. It was joined in 1964 by the National Council of Women, whose argument for reform was based upon a defence of civil liberties, and upon the impropriety of imprisoning homosexual offenders, a point conceded by the Justice Department for what is by now 15 years.

By 1967 a group of individuals, mostly churchmen and professional people, who had been liaising with the Howard League on how best to follow up its earlier initiatives, called a public meeting in Wellington to launch a Wolfenden Association. What emerged was the New Zealand Homosexual Law Reform Society (NZHLRS) whose aims was to secure reform of the law whereby homosexual acts between consenting adults in private should no longer constitute a criminal offence. Events conspired to suggest that the Society's life might be a short one. Extensive media coverage and public support from diverse social groupings and public figures augured well for a movement spurred on by the British reform, barely three months after the NZHLRS had been formed.

## **The Gay Image of the Late 1960's**

But what sort of image did gays project in these years immediately preceding the birth of gay liberation? Influenced no doubt by the legal situation, it was the gay men who took the lion's share of the attention, or rather male homo-sexuals. The word 'gay' was not the current idiom; the word 'camp' had some limited currency; the word 'homo-sexual', carefully pronounced, was both studied and staid enough to meet the mood of the moment.

Anonymity was the order of the day. Differences of sexual orientation were deliberately, if a little self-consciously, left beneath the surface in a common cause. Few identified themselves publically as homosexuals, as the discreetly silhouetted profiles of those interviewed on TV's Compass programme bore witness. It was, of course, encouraging to find an unexpectedly wide measure of support in society at large, but the homosexual rarely came out into the open but rather stood in the shadows.

## **Parliament out of Touch**

In 1968 Parliament was offered an opportunity to re-capture its reputation for progressive legislative policy when the NZ HLRS petitioned for reform. But the Petitions Committee reported no recommendation. The Committee's chairman, Mr Grieve, was to have his impartiality called into question in an almost unprecedented number of editorial columns.

Parliament's opposition continued, despite calls from the Labour Party Conference to 1969, reaffirmed in 1971, and the National Party Conference of 1970 for homosexual law reform. The rejection of Venn Young's Crimes Amendment Bill in July 1975 set the seal on the gulf which yawned between Parliament's collective conscience and that of the community at large.

## **Gay Liberation Fronts**

As the initial exuberance of the law reform movement yielded to a dogged determination to persevere in the

face of prejudice and frustration, a new mood of impatience was experienced in many quarters, not least on the part of many homosexuals. The Stonewall riots had issued in the formation of groups known as Gay Liberation Fronts, groups of gays determined to emerge from the shadows and to come out as self-professed gay activists within the political arena. The US lead was emulated amongst a group of students at the London School of Economics where the first English Gay Liberation Front came into being in October 1970. GLF's began to blossom, though none as yet in New Zealand.

## **The Catalyst: Ngahuia Volkering**

The catalyst which fomented New Zealand's Gay Liberation movement came early in the person of Ngahuia Volkering. Ngahuia, a lesbian Maori, won a study a—ward, the South East Asia and Pacific Leader grant, to the United States. The unanimous choice of the selection panel from a field of 14 applicants, Ms. Volkering had indicated in her application an interest in ethnic and gay minority groups in the states.

She was refused entry. An oral statement from the US Embassy, never confirmed in writing, said that her permit was refused because she was a sex deviate. This incident sparked off the formation of a Gay Liberation group in Auckland and a Gay Liberation Front in Christchurch.

Easter 1972, indeed the whole of April saw a mushroom of activity from the "happening" in Albert Park to publicize an open letter to Auckland's mayor protesting gay oppression to support from the National Women's Liberation Conference to interviews on radio, television and in the press.

## **Early Gay Sexual Politics**

The Auckland group inaugurated a Gay Week, culminating in Queen's Birthday weekend. Auckland gays were present in July when the Wellington GLF was formed. Auckland hosted a small but significant national Gay Liberation conference in September which brought together members of the infant movement from all three centres.

But, from the outset, two problems were to bedevil the movement. Political activism was, and still is, a possibility only to the extent that gays are prepared to "come out", a difficult and often time-consuming process of self-declaration homophile. Thus, gay liberation and gay rights groups have, in all parts of the country, been particularly dependent upon the energies of individual leaders. There have been cases where a group has collapsed, or gone into temporary recession, with the departure of some key figure to another town, or overseas. One early priority, in consequence, and it remains an important priority, has been to provide the network of support which will ultimately make "coming out" the uncontroversial rule rather than the exception it presently is.

The other problem has been one of internal fragmentation. The pressures at; work in this regard are as diverse as they are powerful. A politically active homosexual has, in the very nature of the case, to be possessed of a certain resilience as an individual. And individualists do not always make good political bed-fellows. There is something of a generation gap. To generalize widely though not, I hope, too wildly, the older hitherto invisible gay will usually have a great deal more to lose than his younger counterpart. And so conservatism and caution may conflict with more militant attitudes.

Again, politically moderate or liberal views proceed from the premiss that the present social structure offers adequate avenues by way of education and due process; for securing full civil rights for homosexuals. Such views are not readily reconciled with those of the radicals who, sensitive to the debates already well-developed within the women's movement, see some measure of social reconstruction, eliminating the various manifestations of sexism, as mandatory for gay sexual politics. Again, the extent to which the movement has been open to lesbians has, while clear in theory, yet to be fully resolved in practice. And so on.

## **A Sense of Direction**

The second national conference in 1973 was, I think, of particular importance to the movement. It formulated general aims and guiding principles for the movement which have since been affirmed and reaffirmed in manifestos and policy decisions. Perhaps the most important of these was implicit in the use of the word 'gay'. Homosexuals have been vilified with literally dozens of expressions, all voicing and re-inforcing negative and hostile attitudes. Homosexual conduct has been explained in terms of sickness and deficiency, sin and pervers deviation, abnormality, failure, arrested development etc. The word 'gay' is, by contract, political ammunition in its own right. It declares someone able to form those specially personal relationships - physical, emotional, mental - with people of the same sex. It recognizes homosexuality to be an alternative form of sexuality and not a degenerate form of heterosexuality. And, above all, it presupposes the individual's right to sexual self—determination.

Everything else follows from this. To teach gays to respond to their sexual orientation with pride and respect instead of the shame and guilt inculcated by society at large. To educate everyone about homosexuality so as to expose ignorance and prejudice, and so as to eradicate erroneous though widely held, stereotypes of gays. To secure full human rights for gays and to remove all discrimination against gays. These aims are, of course, conceived in broad terms. There is thus room for differences of opinion over the particularities of their implementation and for degrees of openness of involvement fed their pursuit.

Finally, in order to underscore a sense of gay responsibility for the movement, none but self-professed gays are permitted full membership in the movement. The long-term aim of the gay rights movement is, according to the Victoria University of Wellington Gay Liberation manifesto of 1976, a world in which people are no longer labelled homosexual or heterosexual, but are thought of simply as people seeking positive, fulfilling expression of their sexual natures. But, ironically, anyone who labels himself or herself exclusively heterosexual is debarred from participation in the decision-making processes of the movement whose long-term aim that is!

## **New Voices, New Groups, New Concerns**

The initial impact and inspiration of the first gay liberation groups was beginning to bear fruit. In 1974 new groups emerged in Palmerston North, Dunedin, in Nelson and Gisbourne, in Rotorua and Hamilton. The turmoil associated with their emergence pointed up the comparatively greater difficulty and complexity of the coming out process in smaller provincial centres, and brought a social emphasis to group activities which as persisted outside the main centres.

Three issues dominated 1974. The first, arising out of a Lesbian Conference in March and the foundation of the Gay Feminist Collective, was the ongoing issues of the place of lesbians within the movement and the need to strengthen links between gay liberation and the feminist movement. This has met with partial success. Gay participation in the abortion debate set a precedent which has been extended to active interest in issues ranging from conversation to the SIS Amendment Bill.

The second issue, aired by the indefatigable Felix Donnelly and chewed over at Easter at the third National GL Conference in Wellington, concerned the homosexual and religion. The Quakers and the Methodists had long displayed an openness to gay members. Many of the churches, while supporting law reform, had not really come to grips with the issue of reassessing their traditionally harsh condemnation of homosexuality. A new possibility presented itself in 1975 with the visits of Rev. Lee J. Carlton of the Metropolitan Community Church (MCC), a church found to minister to the needs of gay Christians which, were not being met elsewhere. The MCC's founder, Rev. Troy Perry, himself visited Auckland in January 1976 and, almost exactly a year later, the Rev. Peter Alexander-Smith was the first MCC pastor appointed in New Zealand. The measure of his concern for his charges had sadly to be judged by the sorrow attending his sudden death last year, ending a ministry of less than two years' duration.

The third issue was law reform, for in mid-1974 Venn Young introduced his private member's bill. I single out law reform rather than the new concern with the plight of gay parents, or the strengthening identity of a transexual and transvestite group within the movement, or the invitations to CLF members to visit and take part in schools programmes (an activity which has flourished uncontroversially in many parts of the country, the editor of the NZ Tablet notwithstanding) because there has been and still is diverted within the movement as to how important law reform is.

## **Gay Rights and Law Reform**

The essence of the case for law reform is remarkable for its simplicity. The law can punish as criminal offences homosexual acts between consenting adults in private if the adults are male but not if they are female. In this respect the law is discriminatory. Whether or not a certain kind of behaviour should be a crime cannot sensibly turn solely on whether the agent is a man or a woman. This is something with which the Human Rights Commission, to its discredit, has not yet come to grips. Discrimination before the law on grounds of gender is now unequivocally illegal in New Zealand - and yet the anomaly remains.

But what about discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation? Heterosexual activities may take such forms or occur in such circumstances that many members of society would disapprove of the acts in question - adultery and premarital intercourse are obvious examples. But, in spite of such moral condemnation, neither adultery nor premarital intercourse are criminal offences. In other words, there is tacit recognition that some activities, in particular some sexual activities, are best regulated in ways which do not involve a criminal ban even where there is quite wide-spread moral disapproval of them.

But, it will be retorted by some, you have not allowed for the difference in sexual orientation. So let me do so. If you compare homo- and hetero-sexual conditions, the obvious difference lies in the typical choice of

sexual partner. And this difference is so striking that little or no attempt is made to consider similarities between the orientations. For example in both cases we have only very limited knowledge of how the orientation is acquired; in both cases the orientation has a pervasive influence upon the emotional life and all the relationships of the individual concerned - far beyond the overtly sexual; in both cases substantial dangers confront the attempt to 'convert' an individual from the one to the other; in both cases the individual's sexual nature is associated with the capacity to give and receive affection, a capacity which naturally and inevitably seeks expression in sexual exchange.

Now, if we take account of these and other similarities, we end up with different social arguments (including laws) from those which at present obtain, arrangement under which hetero- and homosexual are treated alike as being in relevantly similar situations. But suppose someone objects that being a homosexual is a relevant difference. Homosexual men may molest young boys; homosexual offences may undermine the moral fibre of the nation; homosexual behaviour may disrupt the institutions of marriage and family life. Such considerations all find some measure of support and touch upon matters we do and should take seriously, morally speaking. But we can, if we are patient, show that hetero sexuals may molest young girls - and boys for that matter, and that heterosexual offences may undermine the moral fibre of the nation; that heterosexual behaviour can disrupt the institutions of marriage and family life. In short, the situations of homo- and hetero-sexual are not relevantly different. Whatever steps we take legally, morally, socially, to protect the young, to encourage positive moral standards, to support social institutions, will apply irrespective of sexual orientation.

*A sea of 2000 people marching for Gay Rights in Sydney.*

Gay rights march in Sydney

The injustice of the male homosexual's treatment in law, does not merely consist in his being subject to certain penalties from which his lesbian counterpart is exempt. That piece of discrimination rubs in a more pervasive insult, namely that sexual self-determination is the exclusive prerogative of the heterosexual. That is why the argument which has recently found some favour within the movement, that the effects of the law as presently enforced are not too bad, so that we should forget about reform [unclear: trate] on more pressing issues is, [unclear: foundly] mistaken. A gay rights [unclear: hich] did not strive for legal [unclear: oh-he] right to sexual self-[unclear: detcrmi-][unclear: mong] other things, reform of [unclear: act] would be a movement at [unclear: s own] aims. In fact, of course, [unclear: ontinues] to hold its place [unclear: wi-][unclear: der] spectrum of gay rights [unclear: ac-]

## **[unclear: s] of Fragmentation**

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[unclear: re] rallying points. The Wall [unclear: s] which might well have made [unclear: riminal], aroused concerted and [unclear: position]. The Campaign for [unclear: s] Equality (CHE) which had had [unclear: ence] 1972-3 gathering support [unclear: in] to Parliament, a project [unclear: aban-] light of the Kirk administration's with the NZHRLS, was [unclear: resurrec-p] within which gays and straights [unclear: t] a gay political message at [unclear: pros-][unclear: lidates] in the forthcoming [unclear: elec-] activity marked a new [unclear: depar-vake] of the Venn Young Bill's [unclear: ead] of trying to spot the [unclear: libe-] election was over, candidates [unclear: nted] with gay rights issues in [unclear: tion] period.

[unclear: ways] been intended that the [unclear: hould] "be roomy enough to [unclear: ac-a] special interest groups. The needs [unclear: were] still not satisfactorily [unclear: cate-] transvestite and transsexual [unclear: a] better than many. The Gay in Collective set up shop in [unclear: 19-] lling and support groups were [unclear: ay] -An and Gayline in [unclear: Christ-e] Gay Teachers Union was [unclear: es- ed].

## **[unclear: e] for National Strength**

[unclear: ement] emerged from 1975 with [unclear: ction] of the need for national conviction which transformed [unclear: ent] in more ways than one [unclear: du-] The focal point was undoubted-[unclear: national] conference held in [unclear: We-] Labour weekend and organized [unclear: gton] GL which had itself [unclear: rea-ebb] the previous year but [unclear: ma-ise], phoenix-like, from the [unclear: as-ovement] needed to recover a sense of direction and this could only be done if there was a concerted attack on the movement's lack of coherence. The solution mooted was the formation of a National Gay Rights Coalition

(NGRC) which was formally established in July 1977 with the threefold aim of:

- liberating Gays by promoting a social environment free from repressive laws, discrimination, social attitudes causing fear, guilt, shame and loneliness, sexism, sexual stereotyping;
- working for the rights, interests and well-being of all Gays;
- supporting the liberation of other groups oppressed in terms of (1) above.

*Police confront Gay Right demonstration.*

Gay rights marchers and police

The NGRC became an overnight success. Before the year was out it was clear that the gay rights movement had achieved cohesion and purposiveness within the alliance of what is now 32 member groups with an affiliated membership exceeding 70,000. Readers of the recent article in the NZ Listener will know what is large, everywhere and has 140,000 legs.

## Gay Oppression

I propose to conclude with some kind of assessment of the progress made by the NGRC over the past two years and with my reflections about the challenges which lie ahead. But before I do so I would like to pause for a moment to deal with one out-standing question, not infrequently asked, namely What do gays need to be liberated from? What lies behind such a question is usually a certain incredulity that a liberal democratic society such as ours oppresses any minority, the gay minority not excepted.

My response to such a query proceeds on two levels. I have already drawn attention to the value we attach to sexual self-determination, and have already shown how difference in sexual orientation is irrelevant to the promotion and protection of that value. It should therefore be clear how negative and hostile social attitudes, attitudes which conspire to erode the individual gay's confidence in his or her own worth as a human being, constitute an oppressive climate in which to live, the more so because the effects of such attitudes are pervasive, difficult to pinpoint and almost impossible to prove incontrovertibly in any particular case. A different explanation is always possible.

But what of gays collectively? Here too there is ever present danger of discerning bias where none exists nor is intended. Nevertheless, the following incidents offer a sample of what, by any reckoning, is minority oppression. In Christchurch in '76 a spate of "queer bashings" reached such proportions that a Gay Defence group was mooted; only at this point did relations with the police in the city of the Hagley Park murder take a turn for the better. On the subject of the police Commissioner Burnside said, again in 1976, that any candidate for the force must be of "excellent character"; anyone who broke the law, including sections 140-142 of the Crimes Act, was not of excellent character and hence ineligible to join the police. So presumably lesbian policewomen are acceptable, while gay men can anticipate a miraculous character change when the law is reformed!

In 1972 a year's campaigning was necessary before the Auckland Star would accept a personal column ad giving the box number of the newly-formed GL group Five enlightened years later the NZ Listener would not accept NGRC ads it judged "in poor taste". The Christchurch Press prevaricated over NGRC advertising until the point fulness of insertion had passed. Napier's Daily Telegraph, the Manawatu Evening Standard, the Southland Times and the Taranaki Herald have all created problems about accepting advertising. Now in all cases these were simple ads announcing gays groups and or gay activities with, in the case of the NGRC ads, a statement of aims and support. In all except possibly one case that policy has now been reversed thanks to the representation of gay groups.

In 1978 pre-election statements on gay rights were planned for the five private radio stations. At the last minute these statements were declared contrary to broadcasting policy in relation to election coverage - though the two of the five who did broadcast the statements were apparently unaware of that policy!

In 1976 the Waikato University Library's application for a reprint collection on homosexuality was turned down by the National Library, apparently on grounds of quality not of financial stringency. And yet that collection had been given an award by the American Library Association.

In 1977, in relation to an incident involving Carmen, Mr Muldoon tells the world at large that it is worse to be homosexual than to display bias as the Speaker!

The raids on Auckland's "Backstage" club; the Social Welfare Department's disinclination to subsidise the Auckland Gay Welfare group; Amnesty International's decision that persons imprisoned on grounds of sexual orientation were not a proper concern of their organisation. Radio New Zealand's ban of "Sing If You're Glad to be Gay"; the pressure put upon Mr Highet and the newly-formed Film Commission to prevent financial support going to the 'Night Moves' film; the disastrous effect of an accusation of homosexual activity or involving sexual activity upon public life and career, seen in the case of Moyle and O'Brien in New Zealand, and of Jeremy Thorpe in UK; the campaigns of groups such as Concerned Parents Association, Catholic Home and

School Associations, and the Society for the Promotion of Community Standards—and perhaps the editor of the NZ Tablet should be added to the list; the seizure of the Spartacus International Gay Guide by Auckland Customs as indecent; the failure to include the NGRC or any gay group representatives in the Human Rights Day seminar. And so the list could go on.

In recent weeks the most disturbing incident was the Government's willingness to offer public apology to Iran over an alleged death threat from New Zealand homosexuals which is quite without foundation. And only this week the Defence Council's announcement concerning homosexuals and the armed forces bears the ludicrous veneer of the bitterly serious.

## The National Gay Rights Coalition

How has the NGRC come to grips with these and other manifestations of adverse social pressures?

Part of the answer, as I have already indicated, is that member groups of the Coalition had been encouraged to take the initiative in contacting offending parties. But over and above this very important facet of the matter, the NGRC has established itself as a weighty, authoritative and credible voice in speaking on behalf of gay rights, in detecting discrimination and in protesting false stereotyping. Whether picketing a party conference, making submission to the select committee on the Human Rights Commission, protests against the John Inman "Are You Being Served?" stereotype, or making written representations to the Minister of Justice in Iran, the NGRC is and is increasingly known to be a watchful guardian of gay rights and interests.

The formation of the NGRC injected a new spirit of confidence into the gay rights movement, as a result of which has grown and diversified. In addition to the emergence of groups in new centres, referred to earlier, a sure sign of confidence are the new styles of groups. I have already mentioned Country Network and the Parents of Gays group promoted under the aegis of CHE. The Gay Teachers Union has been joined by an alliance of Gay Health Workers. Counselling and aid services have matured with experience, with specialist ventures in the direction of gay alcoholics and gay prisoners. All this represents a realization of Gay Liberation's hope that the movement would have room for special interests, emphasises and problems. And, because they are found within a framework which embraces low-key socializing as well as fairly high-pitched political activism, there is the sense of the movement being able to absorb the diversity without becoming unbalanced. One telling measure of progress is the willingness of government and private agencies alike to make referrals where appropriate, to the specialist gay agencies.

But, for my money, the NGRC's biggest success to date is in the field of education and public relations. The gay community has been presented to New Zealand as a social force which won't just go away and which is prepared to demand the rights it has too often been denied. 1977 was the year of the pink triangle. A quarter of a million homosexuals were liquidated by the Nazis and for them the pink triangle assumed a significance analogous to that of the yellow Star of David for the Jews. The pink triangle has thus become a symbol both of the destructive pressures to which gays are subjected and of the determination of gays and their supporters to expunge the idea that homosexuality is shameful. The mark of shame has become a visible affirmation of gay pride and self-respect. And it has, significantly, lent its name to the NGRC's newspaper whose first issue appeared earlier this year.

Last year's election campaign focussed around the theme that, at a time when the magic formula 'economic recession' seemed destined to excuse almost anything. Human Rights Cost Nothing. The NGRC co-operated with university sociologists in Wellington, Christchurch and Hamilton in the matter of detailed attitude surveys in four electorates. In all four cases there was very large support for law reform and substantial support for including sexual orientation as well as sex in the Human Rights Commission legislation.

18. Prospect But what of the months and years ahead?

In the years to come there can be little doubt that the Gay Rights movement will grow, for even should it achieve one of its primary aims, of law reform, there is a long road to hoe in terms of educating the public so that Gays are freed from both direct and indirect persecution. In terms of the organisation itself there is the important question of the participation of lesbians in the, so far male dominated, Gay Rights movement. This last aspect is not only important for the growth of the movement, but is vital in pursuing the goals that stretch beyond those of repeal.

Finally, I believe the Gay Rights movement must examine its own structure. So far its growth has been very much on a self-help principle: gay responsibility for gay liberation. As Charlotte Bunch remarked during her recent visit: "We have to fight for us cos we're all we have."

In my judgement, the self-help principle was the right one for a movement finding its feet. But I wonder whether it still is. Gay self-affirmation may result in a insular, separatist attitude which excludes straight co-workers - simply because they are straight! A movement founded upon a conviction of the arbitrariness of categorizing people by sexual orientation must come to grips with its adherence to a principle of membership

which selects - by sexual orientation! On reflection I'm inclined to think Charlotte Bunch was wrong. We don't have to fight for us cos we're all we have; we have to fight for us cos we're worth fighting for. And if we're worth fighting for, we're worth fighting for no matter what the sexual orientation of the fighters.  
Chris Parkin

## Living within Limits

Recently, Lloyd Geering, Professor of Religious Studies at Victoria University spoke on his vision of the future as part of a series of forums organised by the Student Christian movement.

According to Geering the problem lies with the attitude: "The sky's the limit." Since the Industrial Revolution the emphasis has been on expansion - bigger, better, more sophisticated, but the crunch has come. With all the expertise and expansion we've suddenly come upon limits (to .....). The first blow was Hiroshima - the limits of human life. Man landing on the moon and heart transplants raised questions of monetary limits. Ever present are population limits - starvation. We cannot ignore the present energy limits which we are now having to come to terms with.

Where to now? What of the future? We can't turn back. Communes and the "simple life" aren't viable alternatives for the masses. Geering then outlined his solution.

## A Planned Society

A planned society which involves the majority of people at all levels in informed decision making and taking upon itself, self-imposed limits. As Geering stated, this would effectively spell the end of the outmoded capitalist society and system of free enterprise.

Freedom must be practised within limits. But this doesn't make mankind a slave - the limits aren't imposed from some mysterious power (e.g. totalitarianism) but are accepted because they come from within self imposed limits. The example was cited of driving on the left side of the road. Why? Because people accept this as beneficial to all.

Geering stated that his plan was idealist, difficult if not impossible to achieve and requires motivation by the majority (which has proved a stumbling block to many plans.) But in the face of the alternatives - division, conflict, hostility, competition and confrontation, a planned society begins to make good sense.

Geering ended on a note of hope-that Man can still choose. If he succeeds it will only be pulled off by the skin of our teeth. But someone's got to set an example. The sign of rebellion against imposed limits from Government.

This stood in contrast to the previous week's speaker (on July 17th). Don Brash — a member of the Government Economic Council, and supporter of the Government's present trend in NZ offers some hope e.g... Regional development is being planned at a more local level. People are generally showing more interest in elections. The South Island independence movement is a healthy sign of rebellion against imposed limits from economic policies. Brash sees the [unclear: soluti] in terms of a renewed drive for [unclear: economic] growth, and a rise in the standard of [unclear: liv] primarily so we can catch up with other countries. In his words we need a "[unclear: bloc] sweat and tears course for recovery. [unclear: T] future lies not just in policies but in attitudes, visions and leadership.

During discussion Geering was asked: If we have to accept limits then do we have to accept the education cuts as [unclear: exaples] of monetary limits? His answer: [unclear: A] planned society needs informed people making informed decisions. Education, therefore becomes a necessary requirement giving everybody an opportunity [unclear: t] have their say? Geering stated that the cuts would be justified if the universities were extravagant and wasteful but [unclear: th] this was not the case and the cuts were leading towards an inevitable downgrading of educational standards.

The fourth of these forums is on Tuesday, 30th July at 12.00 in the Union [unclear: Ha] when the speaker will be Professor [unclear: Sydn] Mead.

Elizabeth Gabriel.

Drawing of a nude man in a box

## Careers:

# Employer Visits-

## Campus Interviews - Final Week

It's your last chance this week to participate in the 'Milk round' of visiting employers. Designed to give students the opportunity to discuss career opportunities in an informal setting, the programme has seen almost as many students and interviews at '6K.P.' in the first four weeks as in the whole of last year's milkround.

Still plenty of appointments left. If you have only just cottoned on to the visits, don't despair, come in and make a couple of bookings for the rest of the week. It will never be more convenient for you to contact employers!

Newcomers to the list of employers originally printed in Salient some weeks ago are Television One (conducting two seminars) and Colgate-Palmolive who are coming out to the University for the first time. Fletchers and Todd Motors have pulled out due to an unexpected shortage of vacancies.

Students of all stages and subjects are welcome to make bookings, the only reservations being that on the more crowded schedules, final-year students have *[unclear: th]* priority.

Careers advisory interviews, and the Careers Library, remain available *[unclear: througho]* the Milkround. Roger B. Bartley. Careers Adviser.

PS Thanks to Salient for helping with Milkround publicity.

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FRIDAY 10 AUGUST DEPARTMENT OF LABOUR — RESEARCH 8 PLANNING DIVISION  
ECONOMICS The duties include analysis of labour market trends, advising senior management of their policy implications and the development of a Labour Market Information System. This will involve liaison with a wide range of people directly engaged in employment and thus these cannot be considered as only desk jobs. Sometime will be available to spend on basic research into Labour Market Behaviour. Opportunities also exist for work on the evaluation of our job creation programmes. AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND BANKING GROUP LTD ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTING, MATHEMATICS, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION. 140 branches in New Zealand employing 2,500 staff (10% at Head Office in Wellington.) Overseas affiliations in Australia, Pacific, UK, representative offices in New York, Tokyo, Hong Kong, Singapore. General branch banking including lending and overseas work; administrative functions in economics, accounting and management. BANK OF NEW ZEALAND ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTING, LAW, BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION, MARKETING, MATHEMATICS. 220 branches throughout NZ as well as branches in London, Australia and Fiji, employing 5,500 staff. Overseas affiliations in Singapore, Japan and New York. Overall training with the opportunity to specialise in functions such as lending; marketing; economics; personnel; international; accounting; methods; investment. IBM NEW ZEALAND LTD SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS, COMMERCE, ARTS, LAW. Offices in all four main centres and Hamilton, employing 500 staff. Affiliated to IBM Corporation (international) Work in marketing; systems and customer engineering; data processing; accounting; administration; computer programming. AUSTRALIAN MUTUAL PROVIDENT. ECONOMICS, ACCOUNTING, MATHEMATICS. Offices in Wellington and Auckland. Branches throughout New Zealand, Australia and in the UK. This is New Zealand's largest Life Office. Work in administration; accounting; investment; actuarial; superannuation property development; staff management. NEW ZEALAND POST OFFICE ACCOUNTING, COMMERCE, ECONOMICS, STATISTICS, MATHEMATICS, ENGINEERING, DATA PROCESSING. Employment in accounting, electronic data processing, research and statistics, telecommunications and administration. BURROUGHS (NZ) LTD COMMERCE, ARTS, SCIENCE, MATHEMATICS. Head office in Wellington, branches throughout New Zealand employing 330 staff. Burroughs Corporation (International). Work in marketing; administration; systems analysis and field engineering in the computer industry. STATE SERVICES COMMISSION GRADUATES FROM ALL FACULTIES. Employment in a wide range of Public Service Departments. TELEVISION ONE 2 seminars to be held on the range of career in television broadcasting. Details from Careers office, 6 Kelburn Pde. To book appointments with employers, call in to the Careers Office, 6 Kelburn Parade. FORD MOTOR COMPANY OF NEW ZEALAND LTD COMMERCE, SCIENCE, LAW, ARTS, ACCOUNTING, ECONOMICS. Factories in Lower Hutt, Auckland, employing about 500 administrative staff. Affiliate of Ford Asia-Pacific Inc. in Australia, South East Asia, Pacific. Work in industrial relations; sales and marketing; finance; material control; manufacturing; engineering. NZ METEOROLOGICAL SERVICE - MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT MATHEMATICS, PHYSICS WITH INTEREST IN ATMOSPHERIC ENVIRONMENT, GEOGRAPHY.

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## Film NZ's Finest Returns

### [unclear: Te] of Siege

[unclear: d] by Vincent Ward

[unclear: n]State of Siegewas released last [unclear: was] immediately acclaimed right [unclear: he] country. "A work of genius," [unclear: a] critic. "The most sensitive and [unclear: t] film that has ever been made [unclear: New] Zealand." said another,

[unclear: eas], the praise continued to pour in. [unclear: f]won the Golden Hugo at the [unclear: Chi-m] Festival and the Gold Medal ([unclear: Spe-la] Award) at the Miami Film Festival[unclear: don] Film Festival chose it as an [unclear: out-] movie, it was acclaimed at the [unclear: Mel-r] Film Festival, It has been sold to [unclear: te-] in Denmark, Belgium, Switzerland [unclear: f] and. Sales to the BBC, PBS TV [unclear: E/13], TV1, the National Film [unclear: Li-d] television in Sweden and [unclear: Aucklandare] undo negotiation.

[unclear: te]of Siegis returning to [unclear: Welling-] short season at the Paramount, [unclear: r] August 10. It has already had [unclear: sea-] Auckland, Christchurch and [unclear: Dune-ow] we reprint our review of last [unclear: en] the Film premiered at the [unclear: We-] Film Festival.

[unclear: f] fifteen on the last day of the [unclear: Fest-] an all New Zealand session, and [unclear: noney] it took the cake. Vincent [unclear: irst] major film A State of Siege [unclear: bid] as the feature (although only [unclear: nutes] longer than Richard [unclear: Tur-][unclear: o] River's Meet which preceded it) [unclear: any] ways it turned out to be the [unclear: st] ece of New Zealand film making [unclear: er] seen. What made it so [unclear: succes-]

[unclear: Th] answer is quite simple: Ward and [unclear: er] knew how to use the medium of [unclear: ley] managed to translate Janet [unclear: e] story, which is securely grounded *the*[unclear: edium] of literature (words) into [unclear: em n] story, created out of light and [unclear: de] movement and stillness, express [unclear: ar] depiction.

[unclear: e's] novel concerns Malfred Signal. [unclear: new] retired Art teacher who has spent [unclear: lif] in a closed South Island township, [unclear: h] (or rather, telling) girls to paint [unclear: d] shadow, painting landscape [unclear: lours] Without any people in them, [unclear: erly], nursing her dying mother. [unclear: is] spinster, alone, living on quietly [unclear: d], unexciting dreams, and now at [unclear: r] than everyone else, wanting to [unclear: free]

[unclear: Sone] sells the family house and buys [unclear: e] on Karemoana Island, "up North" [unclear: ys] after she arrives a storm blows [unclear: ght], and someone comes knocking [unclear: oor]. The knocking, the storm, and [unclear: nd] of the prowler swishing through [unclear: leg grass], continue all night.

[unclear: He] power is cut off at the outside main, [unclear: a he] night develops Malfred's fear, and the methods she uses to control it, drive her deeper and deeper into her hidden memories. Morning comes, a stone is thrown through the window Wrapped in newspaper on which Malfred sees an unintelligible poem and the crayoned words "Help, Help". Three days later they find her, cold hand clutching the cold stone, dead.

Photo from the film 'A State of Siege'

The strength of the novel is in the way Frame develops each memory, moving surely but unobtrusively from the public to the private, allowing us to understand Malfred's hopes and fears, not through the terror of the

night so much as in the way Malfred explains things, rationalises them and has come to live with them. Thus the presence of Wilfred, the one person with whom she has ever shared "a darker undercurrent" in a friendship, is scarcely mentioned in the first half of the book. Yet by the end this man, who has justified her being able to say "I have known love", with whom she went walking, riding and who kissed her once in the fernhouse before leaving for the war and not returning, has come right to the forefront of her imagination. It could even be him outside; rather, if it were him outside returned from the dead, she wouldn't let him in.

Malfred's thought processes correspond, on a slower time scale, with the popular idea of what happens when one dies and the seige she experiences that night in the cottage reflects the beseiging of her life by the outside world.

The film does not go into this in any great detail. Much of the simplification is circumstantial: we see little of Malfred's encounters with other people on Karemoana or her memories of events down South. This simplification is made inevitable by the low budget, but the remarkable thing is that instead of taking shortcuts the film makers have altered the nature of the story to render the extra details unnecessary.

Running at only 54 minutes *A State of Siege* is of short story length and works splendidly as such. The film opens with an extended sequence of an old and battered bus doing the afternoon school run along the Wairarapa coast. Gone are all the conversations and experiences of the book's journey to Karemoana. In their place we see a middle aged woman dislocated from her environment, coping as only a person who has always known this dislocation can do.

This sets the method by which the film as a story develops. The particularities which make the story are reduced to generalities, but they are not stereotyped. Many things ensure this. Firstly, Malfred's possessions, (her photographs, teapot and cup, clothes, books) are very carefully and exquisitely established in our minds. This is done by a generally close, moving camera, which pans continuously from Malfred to mantle piece, lampshade to Malfred. . . thus although we only learn of her experiences in a generalised way (with one or two exceptions) the detail of her present existence is more than enough to establish her reality.

The second insurance against stereotyping is the acting. Anne Flannery as Malfred has an extremely difficult job, creating a character with very little resort to words, who is literally scared to death, yet who all the while maintains a mental rationalisation and "mature" exterior as a defense. In a sense Malfred's mind unravels but it doesn't become untidy. Flannery captures this brilliantly, her expression, timing and depth of feeling playing a central role in the film's success.

While there is little dialogue, sound does have a vital role. All the natural sounds are acutely heard, and together with John Cousin's music are to the fore in establishing the tension and mood. These sounds also contribute greatly to the particularisation of the events.

There is one other aspect to the film which overrides everything else: the tone. In the opening sequence, the bus does not merely trundle along but appears in all its bloated dilapidation somewhat like a hippopotamus. In a word it is fascinating, and this fascination draws us into the film.

Much of the credit for this must go to photographer Alun Bollinger. Whether gliding round the rooms of the cottage, capturing in extraordinary close-ups Malfred's eye or hand, or challenging the brutal pounding sea, Bollinger's camerawork is a powerful evocation of light, colour and shape, and most of all shadow. It represents in fact, all the years Malfred has spent in teaching girls to paint and never succeeding: it is her sustaining belief, her world.

Right near the end of the film, Malfred picks up the stone thrown through the window. Where once she told girls to see the stone, see its shadow she now touches it, holds it. The film captures this moment superbly, and if the end follows suddenly after, on reflection, there really seems no way it could have gone on. To return to the short story analogy, such an ending often achieved by a sudden revelation or twist in meaning. Here, the revelation exists, but it follows naturally from the film and is in the fullest sense a proper conclusion.

*A State of Siege* is a remarkable achievement, by all who created its parts and by Vincent Ward and producer Timothy White (the joint screenwriters) who put it all together. If it is shown again, see it.

Simon Wilson

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## Film Festival Review

# The Left-Handed Woman

## (Film Festival)

Directed by Peter Handke.

The male-master, female-servant schema, especially when manifested in its 'legalised' form - marriage - has been a focal point of Western society (we wouldn't have heard so much about it otherwise), consequently it has not had the fortune to have been spared the ink, or the film in the all-to-often one-sided interpretations we are constantly fed concerning the chauvism and binds encountered with the installation of holy matrimony.

Hot on the high heels of "An Unmarried Woman," the Left Handed Woman is a pretty good attempt at re-creating the black, maniac-depressive world of a woman struggling to free herself from this, the formidable and repressive bond which appears to stretch upwards but seldom otherwise. In the case of our heroine, she must, at all costs, detract herself from the stereotype role into which she has had the misfortune to let marriage cast her, - of mother and wife which, too long ago were poured like cement over a promising, career in French translation.

At the cost of her sanity, she finds, gradually at first but then with widening realisation that she has been completely 'deprogrammed' and reprogrammed, that any ability she may've had has been blurred beyond recognition by this far stronger role imposed upon her.

Director Peter Handke goes immediately to great lengths to inform us of just where exactly his sympathies lie - even his conclusions have as yet to take shape - and one is cast without unnecessary formalities into a dark, semi-silent world where our 'patient', played fittingly by Edith Clever a- waits yet another arrival of her businessman-first-husband-second master who it would seem spends more time in foreign parts than at home with Mum and the kid

The depressing feeling of monotonous, laboured routine is uneasily real, the waiting in the sparsely furnished, dimly-lit house, departing to pick him up at the airport, and holding the suitcases while he locks her in an unreciprocated embrace, — all are carried out in silence, — the woman, (significantly, she isn't given a name) doesn't in tact speak until the movie is some 12 to 15 minutes old. And then, a scene of sardonic humour. The couple check into a hotel for the night, as if Bruno, the husband played by Bruno Ganz after having ('bought'?) treated his wife to a dinner and a bottle of wine is now expecting his generosity to be returned just as he might from the trail of one night stands he has left behind him throughout Europe.

But while it is clear that Handke is in deepest sympathy with the woman and her predicament, from the point where she informs Bruno that she wants him to leave her (one of several incongruous twists) it is also clear that he is concerned not only for her welfare but also for others most notably that of the son, Stefan; and more generally, that the entire exercise is futile in the first place.

In the first case the effects of the situation, on the mother/son relationship are witnessed with growing concern. Initially the vital support she needs, the bond degenerates parallel to her mental health until the point is reached where she cannot help her hands closing around his throat, after which strangely enough we witness also a deterioration in his mental health.

With the exit of Bruno the movie takes a turn for the worse, and becomes little more than a psychological case-study as we follow the woman's progress over the course of three torturous months in solitude and walking round in increasingly decreasing circles. One's immediate question is: why doesn't she latch onto someone else? Here is a fine opportunity for Handke to ease in further conflict, — a 'give her an inch and she'll take a mile' situation, or even to stoop to an open door, free trade policy, but to do so would be to keep away the *raisons d'etre*, by merely replacing the last master with another.

The essential point for all his sympathy, that Handke makes is that while a master can certainly live alone, what is a servant without a master? A master, being just that, has the gift of independency but a servant requires something to identify with. The woman therefore must live alone, she must suffer the mental and sexual deprivations, without being priced to join the Valium Society, or resorting to the bottle to cope with her [*unclear*: incapacity] to cope.

Ultimately, she loses. The rut is so deep she cannot climb out of it, the crisis is resolved not when she is able to break free, but when she is able to come to terms with her reform. Symbolically, she goes and buys her husband a new [*unclear*: pair] of shoes, which he, the master and appreciative of the situation, promptly [*unclear*: muddie] in a puddle. There can be no resolution, accept acceptance.

R. Saker.

# Cooking

This week the column is contributed by Janita Crow, who writes about:

## In the Blender

Technology is rapidly taking over. Where man was once able to express himself through the work of his own hands he has now (unless he had gone 'back to the earth') the opportunity to experiment with many gadgets - both electrical and manual. The only one that has taken my fancy as a worthwhile machine is the Blender. I've had lots of fun - from homemade peanut butter (raw or toasted) to simple 'pates' and spreads.

## Economical Liver Pate

Fry up liver (calves, lamb or pig) the way you like it, put it in the blender and season according to taste. Let cool and it's ready to eat on bread or crackers. If not as you like it, experiment and perfect your technique.

## Homemade Soups

The thing I like most about my blender is that at this time of the year, when it's cold and the days are short, and I'm too lazy or too occupied to take the time to consider cooking I can quickly boil up a pot of vegetables. Put it through the blender, season with anything, e.g. a bit of this sauce or that, garlic, salt, pepper etc., put it back into the pot, bring it to the boil and add a little [*unclear: mil*] or cream for a 'cream of?' soup or leave dear. Serve with croutons.

But the best thing of all is the satisfaction I get from making delicious soups out of left over or better still vegetables that have lost any [*unclear: appe*] zing appeal they may once have had, and that would normally be discarded.

A blender is a very worthwhile investment. It frees one from dependence on packaged foods. Buy a blender and say good-bye to those watery tasteless soups purchased for exorbitant prices off the supermarket shelf. See self sufficiency and determination in practice, not theory, when you buy your blender!

Drawing of three people smelling a plate

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## Student Health

## Substitute.....

## [*unclear: d*] is Life

[*unclear: e*] Wellington Blood Transfusion Service [*unclear: e*] visiting the University on Wednesday and day 8th and 9th August and will welcome [*unclear: s*]. As in previous years the Service will be [*unclear: ng*] in

the foyer of the Cotton Building. [unclear: Do-] between the ages of 18 and 65 are accepted.

[unclear: Good] is made up of plasma and formed [unclear: ele-] (including red blood cells). It may differ [unclear: one] individual to another, according to the [unclear: ce] or absence of specific, naturally occurring [unclear: odies] in the plasma.

[unclear: or] this reason the blood of a person taken [unclear: dom] cannot be used in transfusion, since [unclear: oods] might be of different types and could a serious reaction. The blood groups of [unclear: st] clinical significance are the ABO and [unclear: thesus] types.

blood donors role is a worthwhile one. There little discomfort involved in giving blood, [unclear: me] involved is short. Blood cannot be made [unclear: ally]. Blood donors are the only source.

[unclear: ood] donations are not only used in the [unclear: treat-] of major accidents and in major operations [unclear: h] as, for instance, those in heart and lung [unclear: y], brain and cancer surgery - but also on [unclear: ob-cs] (baby business) and many medical diseases, [unclear: s] anaemia, haemophilia ("bleeding disease"). [unclear: he] Rh disease of infants (replacement [unclear: trans-s].)

[unclear: o] blood is wasted. If any donor feels [unclear: disap-ment] that their blood donation may not have [unclear: sed] as whole blood, they can be assured that [unclear: ng] is ever wasted. Their valued assistance [unclear: ma-ossible] the maintenance of a stock of fresh sufficient to meet even the most [unclear: unexpec--mand] and, even when the red cells in it have [unclear: ed] their usefulness, the plasma retains its [unclear: life-] potential for at least five years.

[unclear: oducts] are manufactured from blood which go overage. These serve a variety of [unclear: pur-] such as:—

[unclear: ping] protect people from some virus [unclear: infec-ons], such as infective hepatitis the prevention and treatment of tetanus eventing Rh disease in Rh negative mothers the prevention and treatment of a rare [unclear: comication] of vaccination.

[unclear: Question]: What are the effects of giving blood?

[unclear: Answer]: Persons volunteering as donors will not owed to give blood unless their medical his—[unclear: and] blood tests are satisfactory. This means people who are accepted as donors can spare the two-thirds of a pint of blood without any ill effects whatsoever. This is only a fraction of the normal persons reserve.

Question: After giving blood, how long does it take to replace it?

Answer: The amount of blood which is taken from a donor is approximately two-thirds of a pint. If a larger volume, such as 1 to 1½ pints of blood were removed it would be possible to show a drop in the haemoglobin value. The plasma which is donated in the blood is replaced very rapidly by the body and much larger volumes of plasma could be given by a donor without any ill effects at all. Practically all the protein constituents of the plasma are manufactured in the liver but the cells of the blood are manufactured elsewhere and in particular the red cells are manufactured in the bone marrow. When blood is removed from the circulation into the blood donor pack the body mobilises its reserves to the lost cells so that in the actual blood stream there is no registerable change in the red cell concentration but the reserves have then to be replaced and this requires a longer time. When the donor walks away from the place where he has given his donation he is not short, in his circulation, of any red cells which he had when he came in, but his bone marrow, where the red cells are manufactured, is working at a higher output and will continue to do so for the next two to four days, by which time the reserves have been replaced.

However it is standard practice throughout the world to make only 4 donations within the year, at 3 monthly intervals, the maximum amount of blood donated by any one donor.

Image of a bell with a person inside

## TSG Unworkable

Statement by Dr R.O.H. Irvine on behalf of the New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee.

The New Zealand Vice-Chancellors' Committee is seriously concerned that the new Tertiary Study Grant scheme proposed by the Government will have damaging consequences for the universities. It has urged the Minister of Education to lose no time in convening a conference of senior university administrators and officers of the University Grants Committee and the Department of Education to discuss the implications of the scheme before any guidelines are promulgated.

There was no consultation with the universities before the scheme was announced, with the result that problems have occurred which could have been avoided. It is important that these problems be minimised and especially urgent that equality of opportunity for university study should not be diminished - a prospect which is inherent in this new scheme.

One of the effects of the Government proposals will be an unprecedented administrative bottleneck. Estimates of the number of students likely to apply for supplementary assistance are as high as 20,000. Personnel dealing with these applications will need to be mature and experienced interviewers with a comprehensive knowledge of the new Study Grant scheme, of means test practices, and of the widely varying regulations and administrative procedures of individual universities.

The universities have neither the staff nor the office space to cope. Indeed, finding suitably qualified people will be difficult as their services are likely to be required for only about three months of the year. The Vice-Chancellors' Committee has informed the Minister that, with great reluctance, the universities will have to surrender responsibility for administering the scheme to the Department of Education, although it has reservations about the Department's ability to handle the large number of applications in a satisfactory way.

It is absolutely essential that all students intending to enrol in 1980, both school leavers and present students, should know by 30 November, at the latest, exactly what their Tertiary Grant entitlement in 1980 will be. They need to have this information so that they can commit themselves to attend a particular university. Moreover, Halls of Residence, Colleges and Hostels must know by early December what their 1980 intake will be.

## Inter-Hostel Sports

### Inter-Hostel Sports Tournament

On Sunday 22 July this prestigious sporting event was contested between Victoria House, Weir House, Helen Lowry Hall and Everton Hall. Teams competed in soccer, hockey, netball and rugby.

Soccer: Vic House and Helen Lowry played the first semifinal which resulted in a win to Vic House and the refusal to continue refereeing and subsequent departure of the referee. Weir House and Everton Hall played well in the other heat and Weir went on to play Vic House in the final. The game was protracted and ended when, after five penalty shots each, both teams scored four and the game was called a draw.

Hockey: as 7 of Vic House's hockey aces were away at trials the Vic House team found the going hard, and went down 1 - 0 to Helen Lowry. Weir house suffered under Everton and lost 2 - 0. In the final, Helen Lowry and Everton played a close game, eventually drawing 1 - 1, with both goals being scored within minutes of each other.

Netball: Vic House lost a rough game to Weir 9 - 7; and Helen Lowry beat Everton Hall (score unknown) in the semi-finals. In the finals, Helen Lowry triumphed again.

Rugby: in the first heat Weir House trampled home to a 24 - 4 victory over Helen Lowry. In the other heat, Vic House conquered Everton Hall 9 - 6 in a hard fought game against stronger competition. The final between Weir House and Victoria House has yet to be played.

The tournament gave members of all the houses a chance to get to know each other, and was concluded with a very enjoyable social in the Boyd-Wilson Pavillion.

## [unclear: Notice]

### [unclear: Wanted]

Or (1) Virgin Sacrifice for a Celtic[unclear: SP] NG Rite on Flag Still Hill. [unclear: Au-] 31 September 1.

[unclear: Af]\_Y Mike (ph 728-744) evening only.

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on-smoker preferred.

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[unclear: rectx] apply Phil ph 692375.

## [unclear: Student] Christian Movement

[unclear: presents] 5 Visions for New Zealand's

[unclear: de] MP for Mangere David Lange: A Politician's [unclear: en] for the future.

[unclear: norial] Theatre, Tuesday 7 August, 12 noon [unclear: pm].  
[unclear: ee] and discussion to follow.  
[unclear: CM] attraction.

## [unclear: Cold] Stuff

[unclear: fr] fridge available if you take it away. [unclear: t] rather large and a bit noisy, but if  
[unclear: Contact] Leonie c/- Salient Office or nights [unclear: r] 757-627.

## [unclear: Rrier] Club

[unclear: Saturday] 11 - Invitation Hillary & Tony [unclear: Wool-e] 40 Collingwood St, Ngaio.

[unclear: a]: NZ Cross-country Championships, [unclear: Dune-] Congratulations for those who were  
selected present Wellington, especially to Roger [unclear: Ro-i] on who won the senior Provincial title. Those  
[unclear: ted] R. Robinson, J. Radich, P. Morten, [unclear: airns].

[unclear: Saturday] August 18th - Round The Ranges relay, [unclear: erston] North.

[unclear: Saturday] August 25th - Wellington to Masterton [unclear: ray].

[unclear: E] the above relays, runners of any sex or fitness [unclear: We] wish to become part of a team,  
ring Ian [unclear: Ja- ion], 728-734.

## Womens Action Group

The VUW Womens Action Group is a broad based group open to all women on campus. If you are a  
woman and would like to become involved in the Womens Action Group and its activities, just come along to  
any of the meetings.

The meeting to be held this Thursday will be to plan the activities for third term. If you have any ideas or  
are interested please come.

Thursday August 9, 12 - 1 lounge

All women welcome.

## Forum

Environment Forum Tuesday 7 August, The topic is Environmental Impact Procedures - where have they  
gone. Speakers include Venn Young, Minister of Forests, Lands and for the Environment, Richard Prebble.  
Opposition spokesman & Whip, Guy Salmon Native Forest Action Council, David Dawson Environment and  
conservation organisation, Mr Hall, manager BP chemicals, Mr Stewart, general! Manager, Wellington Harbour  
Board, and a representative of the Govt's Petro Corporation.

Tuesday 7 August, 12 noon. Union Hall.

## Found

One ladies umbrella, Wednesday, 1 August.

Phone 784-189, between 6 and 9 pm giving details.

## Legal Referral Scheme

The Law Faculty Club is offering this service to students who are having hassles of a legal nature.

Forms are available in the Studass Office - they are immediately sealed in an envelope, then delivered to a  
senior law student who will contact you. If the problem is a major one that students cannot handle then you will  
be referred to a practioner down town. You are not obliged to contact that practioner.

So far the scheme has dealt with students having hassles like firms refusing to deliver back cars towed  
away unless the owner pays cash, tenancy problems and 'consumer' problems (with shops over lay-bys, deposits  
etc.).

Your problem will be dealt with confidentially.

## Leaflets in the Library

Library policy on printed publicity material.

Policy regarding handbills remains unchanged: Namely:

- All handbills for display in the library must be put out by groups affiliated to the Students' Association or

- by some other recognised body within the University and must be identifiable as such.
- Space for handbills is provided on the Library counter near the exit. Handbills must not be distributed through the reading rooms on tables, or on top of catalogues in the Catalogue Hall.
- Permission for displaying handbills must be obtained from the Head of Circulation or the Library Administration Assistant.

The Library has been the last bastion of uncluttered peace on the campus. We think it is important for those students who wish to work uninterrupted that we should try to keep it this way.

It is for this reason that we will try to maintain standards limiting noise and litter and to enlist support in this.

J. P. Saga for Library Staff.

## Lost Parka

Would the person who found my black parka in LB3 after 1 pm, Tuesday 24 July please bring it to the registry.

Yours in anticipation.

Damp and Pissed Off.

## The English Club

invites you to a Poetry Reading of special interest

Some 1979 Original Composition Students read their (homegrown) work - and anyone is welcome to read anyone else's!

Wednesday 8 August, 4 pm. Von Zedlitz 202.

Enjoy some young NZ wine as well!

## German Film

The organisers of the "Opera as Drama" course at Victoria University invite you to a screening of the film of:

Alban Berg's Opera, "Wozzack"

produced by the Hamburg State Opera. When screened here in April 1974, this film received tremendous acclaim.

Place; Memorial Theatre. Victoria University

Time: 8 pm, Wednesday 8 August 1979

Length of film: 103 minutes

Under the conditions of loan, we are not permitted to charge for admission. However in order to cover costs, we ask for a voluntary donations, and suggest that \$1 for adults. 0.50c for students would be appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

P. H. Russell.

## Chess

In Dunedin 18th / 19th August there will be a University Teams Tournament. Accommodation available. Cost unknown. A minimum of \$60 prize fund.

Four people needed for a team.

The South Island Championship is held in Dunedin the following week.

If anyone is at all interested, contact Rachael Wood 721-472 as soon as possible.

Tuesday night - Meeting at the cookery. Weir House, (7.00pm) for all members and interested players.

## Rugby Players

Quadrangular Tournament Wellington College 13th - 17th August.

Round One Tues (pm)

Finals Thurs (pm)

Support the best in college rugby.

## Final Notice !!!!!

Cars not displaying VUWSA carpark stickers will be removed tomorrow. Stickers obtainable from VUWSA office for \$1. Get one.

## Music

# Neil Young - Rust Free

## Rust Never Sleeps.

Neil Young and Crazy Horse (Reprise)

Neil Young must be the only personality who appeared at Woodstock to still be in full control of his creative powers a decade later. At Woodstock Young was with those wimps of West Coast schmaltz Crosby, Stills and Nash. It was this association that first brought Young international recognition.

The decade since Woodstock saw Young rise to superstardom with albums like *After the Goldrush* and *Harvest*. Young found the pressures of stardom too great for him. He thus committed, either intentionally or by accident, virtual commercial suicide with albums like *Journey Through the Past* (a film sound track composed of live recordings and rehearsal tapes) and *Time Fades A way* (a poorly recorded live album composed entirely of new material.)

Freed of the pressures of an audience who expected him to play smooth country music, Young proceeded to put out a series of raw dark records that attained various heights of brilliance. The last album, *Comes a Time*, marked a return to something of the style of *Harvest*, and also to commercial success.

Neil Young has taught his audience to expect the unexpected from him. No doubt *Rust Never Sleeps* will come as something of a shock to those who thought that *Comes a Time* was the last word in country sentimentality. It is typical of Young that while *Comes a Time* was storming the airways with its' gentle orchestral sound, he was embarking on a tour described in Rolling Stone as a "heavy metal tour de force."

## Tour de Force

It was Young's biggest American tour in some years. The shows were something new in that they were fully scripted and featured props such as a four foot harmonica, a towering microphone and huge oversized amps. Young played the role of a child dreaming about rock and roll, while various characters such as Jawas from Star Wars (called "road eyes") wandered about making themselves useful setting up equipment.

The first half of the show Young played acoustic music alone, while in the second half he was joined by his backing group Crazy Horse to play a phenomenally loud electric set. The idea was for people to leave saying that "Neil Young is the loudest thing they'd ever heard."

The tour was dubbed the "Rust Never Sleeps" tour and is the take-off point for the album. Like the tour, the album is an affirmation of Rock and Roll, both its past and its future. This is underlined by the opening cut, an ode to Rock music "Hey Hey, My My (Out of the Blue)", with the key words:

*"The King is dead but he's not forgotten. This is the story of a Johnny Rotten It's better to burn out than it is to rust"*

Recorded live with just harmonica and guitar, it comes across more as a lament for all those sixties rock stars who continue to put out albums of tired music - who are virtually "rusting" away.

The other songs on side one display some of Young's best writing in years, both melodically and lyrically, with pastoral images of the Pioneer days and the old West intertwined with Hollywood. *Pocahontas* is an especially emotive song about the plight of the Indian and the injustices perpetrated by the white man. *Ride My Llama*, which could be classified as a South American extraterrestrial love song, displays Young's ability to write convincingly about almost anything.

The acoustic guitar playing on these tracks has a raw sound compared to *Comes a Time* but ultimately it is just as effective, if not more so, and emphasises the rock feel of the songs.

It's been said that Neil Young will never make an album without a flaw (remember the endless *Will To Love* on *American Stars V Bars*). *Sail Away* is it on this album. As a song in itself it works all right, but with

Nicollette Larson resurrected on backing vocals, and Carl Himmel and Joe Osborn on bass and drums, it sounds like an out-take from the *Comes a Time* sessions. As such it doesn't fit with the other acoustic music. However, this is really a minor gripe.

Side two is entirely electric music played with Crazy Horse. All four songs are recorded live on the "Rust Never Sleeps" tour, although the audience reaction is edited out on all but the last track.

The first song, *Powder finger* continues the theme of Pioneer America and includes some fairly typical Neil Young guitar. *Welfare Mothers*, however, is something a little newer. Featuring the line, "Welfare Mothers make better lovers" the song exhibits Young's somewhat sardonic humour. *Sedan Delivery* has a definite New Wave sound and is perhaps the fastest song in terms of tempo that Young has ever written. His voice is ideally suited to the chanted wailing lyrics about life in an urban chemical world. It is interesting to note that *Sedan Delivery*, together with *Powder finger*, was originally intended for *American Stars 'n' Bars*, and so dates back to 1977, the year that 'New Wave' first began to take hold.

Photo of Neil Young

Young has said of the new wave movement in music: — "People are not going to come back and see the same thing over and over again. It's got to change. It's the [unclear: sna] that eats itself. Punk music, New Wave [unclear: ya] can call it what you want. Its rock and [unclear: rol] and to me, it's still the basis of what's [unclear: going] on."

The closing track of *Rust Never Sleeps* underlines this statement. In a reprise of the opening track, retitled *Hey, Hey, My, My (Into the Black)*, this occasionally reworded electric version takes on the grandeur of a true anthem to Rock and Roll. Recorded live, even played at low volumes it sounds loud. Incorporating large [unclear: amo] of feedback, static, or whatever it is that [unclear: n kes] such a cacophonous sound, the song lumbers to heights that give it a depth beyond the typically compact Neil Young lyrics. [unclear: I] the process it makes a statement about [unclear: Ro] and Roll, about the joy of playing such our rageous aggressive music, that manages to span the feelings of the sixties and seventies, and tie together the old and new wave

*Rust Never Sleeps* is simply Neil Young's best album at least since *Tonight's the Nigh* Song for song if leaves *Comes a Time* for dead. On this evidence it is obvious that Neil Young is not going to rust or fade away for a few years yet. Though, as the I man himself said:—

"You can only have it for so long before you don't have it anymore. You become an old timer.... which.....I could be.....I don't know. After all, it's just me and Frank Sinatra left on Reprise Records."

Andrew McCallum.

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## This God is Dead

*This article was taken from the annual [unclear: essage] of the gods, Victoria University, [unclear: ars] Hill, Wellington, 1979,*

Drawing of a monk meditating

It has been a matter of concern, that [unclear: me] of our daily pilgrims have erred from [unclear: e] faith, and are lax in their worship. For [unclear: e] the Professors, the Doctors, the Lectors, are great, and worthy of your [unclear: wor-ip]. We are enthroned in majesty and [unclear: po-er], clothed with the mantle of long past [unclear: eds] of greatness; therefore, as you make [unclear: ur] holy pilgrimage each day, in search of [unclear: e] holy grade, you must acknowledge this, [unclear: at] we, the gods, may give grace to your [unclear: arch]. For surely you have heard "The [unclear: ds] resist the proud but give grace to the [unclear: mble]."

The Wisdom of the Professors 111:2

Indeed, there are those who are proud, [unclear: ho] have not given us the honour that is [unclear: rs], but instead have sought to be their [unclear: wn] gods. Again, have you not heard four ways are not my ways, say the gods'

ibid IV: 7

and "The wisdom of students is [unclear: foo- hness] in the sight of the gods"

ibid XII 1

. You [unclear: ust] repent and turn from your way [unclear: wardess], or surely the wrath of the gods will

fall upon you, your essay marks will be cast down, and we will not hear your supplications.

Once there was a man who was not concerned with the glory of the gods, and their past deeds of greatness. He did not make humble entrance to the sanctuary - the office of the professor - he did not proclaim his greatness. Rather, he dared to enter in as an equal to the gods, and did not wait for grace to be given him. He did not bow, he did not ask for his god's autograph, neither did he take his photo; he argued with pride and stubborn vanity, seeking to undermine the holy word of the Professor with the very root of all evil-reason itself. He showed no respect for the authority of the professor, he did not see the glory of the god's handsome face. But he was struck down for his wickedness, his essays were cast into the Rubbish Tins of hell, his marks were given with fiery Darts, and his search for the holy grade was lost,

1 Chronicles LX : 194

More than this, the god told the other gods of this evil, and in their heavenly court the divine decree ordained that henceforth this man should have no recommendation for journal articles, and no scholarship for his travels.

Divine Commission of Inquiry Into Student Rebellion 1978 Chapter 7, Page 114.

And the gods hardened their hearts against him, and did not listen to his prayers.

Insidious reports have circulated among some of the inscription to the unknown God, rumoured to lie somewhere in the Hunter Building. Lies have arisen, saying that this God is the One true God of reason, love of knowledge, and thoughtful critique. Many are deceived, and some have come from afar off seeking this God, ignoring their own gods, the professors, the doctors, the lectures, and not giving them the glory. Know ye that This god is Dead! He is not at this university temple, for he is a false god who cannot help you in your search for the holy grade.

Happily, most of the flock are faithful. The good among our students eagerly pursue the holy grade in all humility. They bow before us and kneel in adoration. They hungrily receive our words with eyes reverently closed. They have learnt not to trust their own foolish wisdom, they do not think for themselves. They know how to enter into the sanctuary — they sweetly fawn, proclaiming our greatness, singing hymns of praise for our favours. They surely will receive their reward, and we, the gods will cause them to reap a harvest of rich blessing as long as they continue in humility and unquestioning obedience, which is true faith. For the kingdom of the scholastic heaven will be theirs and they will be exalted for their faithfulness with jobs in government departments.

Now unto us, the gods who will keep your marks from falling, be glory and majesty, dominion and power forever, Amen.

The Spider and The Prophet.

Hiroshima Day Forum DEBATE ON THE ARMS RACE Speakers from the US Embassy, the So viet Embassy and the Political Science Department. Monday 6 August Union Hall 12-2 Organised by the Progressive Student Alliance

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## Letters

## Who said Ivan Watkins - Dow

Dear Sir,

Drawing of a woman writing with a feather quill

I am aware that "Salient" has a primarily informative function, and glad that you chose to publish the existence of certain scholarships on Pg 2 of last week's issue. I am not, however, overly enthused with the inclusion of the "Ivan Watkins Dow" Scholarship in Accountancy, and Marketing. I appreciate that the traumatic events of the Salient-referenda SGM may have induced in you, a temporary amnesia, so I will remind you that Ivan Watkins Dow is, firstly, overseas controlled (although not in itself a debarment from publicity) and secondly, the company which manufactured under license, napalm for use on civilians during the Vietnam war. This complaint might seem petty, but I suspect that I am not the only person who Finds himself overcome by anguish whenever this corporation is publicised in a supposedly progressive newspaper.

John Henderson.

(Apologies — Ed.)

## Questions about the \$1500 Fee

Dear Sir,

As a Malaysian, I am much concerned about the way the protest about the imposition of the \$1500 fee was handled. Why should such actions like marching to Parliament and the barrage of attacks on the Muldoon government take place before 'behind the scenes' negotiations were seriously considered and employed?

We are here in NZ as invited guests. Don't tell me we have the right to cheap tertiary education in NZ? Or even the right to tertiary education here? If so, then there would be no need for OSAC nor any cuts in overseas students intake.

Even in the unfortunate event of an unsuccessful plea with the government we have not much choice but to accept the fee increase - with dignity.

Why should NZ have to bear the liability of pro providing us with tertiary education and at the same time put up with its irritations? We must remember that our domestic problems - namely the arbitrary manner the Malaysian government decreet which race should be given priority to enter universitys - are not NZ's. Further more should NZ solve them for us? It is only due to goodwill that we are here. Hence taking to the streets demanding rights for invited guests is a reflection of our student leaders' ineptitude and naive foresight.

I do agree with the fact that the \$1500 fee will mean less Malaysians being able to make it here next year onwards. Further I do recognise the hardships that will eventuate.

But this it totally due to the incapability of we Malaysians in bringing equity into our educational system. Instead of fighting for rights here, save your vigour and energy for the fight back home. There you will have the justified right (emphasis on 'justified') to take to the streets and state your demands although you will most likely be blessed by the notorious ISA. Again this is another failure in our system to provide justice and we should fight for that right as well. Not here but back home where our problems regarding education originated.

A Malaysian,  
David K. Lo.

## Double Standard

Dear Sir,

We have seen the reaction of Malaysian students in response to the imposition of \$1500 fee. It was the first time we had nearly a couple of hundred of them marching to Parliament. I must add that such cooperation is certainly a rarity.

However, when it comes to fighting for another cause - equally or more important than the \$1 500 fee - i.e. the humane treatment of the Vietnamese refugees in Malaysia, most Malaysians were not the least bit interested not to say show much sympathy. Why haven't our Malaysian student leaders condemned the Malaysian authorities for committing such atrocious acts as towing refugees back to sea? How about the threat to shoot them on sight and expel those already in camps? (although it was designed to get other countries to help.) The typical Malaysian reaction as far as I can gauge was the notorious "fair enough, lah!" attitude. Such are the people who are claiming that injustice has been inflicted upon them by the so called discriminatory fees.

I am indeed ashamed to conclude that a lot of Malaysians here have double standards.

A humane Malaysian,  
David K. Lo.

P.S. How about marching to the Malaysian High Commission in support of the Vietnamese refugees.

## Departing at Last

Dear Sir,

I, 724406699230, do hereby give notice, that I resign my post as Universal co-ordinator of spacial cretins (including terrans and lunans.) After 9260 of your years, at this arse hole job, I have decided that a lengthy visit to the planet Krynoid would be in order. Oh yes, indeed!

After attempting to co-ordinate those meandering minds of cretins like: P. O'Donoghue, B. G. Kelly, K. Drysdale and likley grovellers, I can only say that Terra as a whole stinks.  
Your most humble and obedient ser-servant,

Departing at last, 7244046699231.

PS The I at the end is not a mistake, but on the eve of St. Bogar's Day I have decided to change my name.  
PPS Goodbye Carol Addley.

## Salient, Instrument of Zionism

Dear Peter,

I would like to question Salient's neutrality in international politics (not that Salient has a reputation of being terribly neutral in this area!) After having read the article by the representative of the American-Imperialist-backed, murderous and illegal regime of the Zionist entity in occupied Palestine, Yaakov Morris in your issue of 30/7/1979 defending the Sadat-Zionist conspiracy and arbitrarily making unjustifiable attacks on the governments and peoples of the Arab countries (including PLO), Iran and Afghanistan. I feel that you Should not have published that article by that diabolic monster who does not even pay the Students' Association fee and who does not make any legitimate (or other?) contribution to VUWSA, especially when there are no diplomatic representatives in New Zealand of any of the countries he attacks.

There are countless rebuttals that I could level against his pathetic arguments, but I would not do so as that would lower myself to the level of the unsanitary charlatan, and the rest of his god-damned kind.

Yours faithfully,

Abu Sajed.

PS: May the fleas of a million sick camels infest Yuk-off Morris' arm-pits!

## Fighting Oppression

Dear Editor,

This is an open letter to all bigots, racists, reactionary running dogs, pseudo Christians (including OCFers, Navigators, Alligators, Mooners, etc.), jelly kneed, chicken hearted, self centred, apathetic High School, 1st year, 2nd year..... 10th year Malaysian students.

To all of you, I want to say Pull Up Your Socks you bunch of political nincompoops and robots. You are a colossal Disgrace to your fellow students and a heartache to your country's people. Shame, Shame, Shame. All of you should be paraded in Pigeon Park with toilet roll streamers printed with Shame, Shame, Shame, all across.

Since 1976, the NZ government has openly started the political prosecution of overseas students especially the Malaysians with "blessing" from the Malaysian authorities (this conspiracy is now an open secret.) That was the 45% cutback. More blatantly discriminatory and racist policies followed in quick succession, Marriage of Convenience; Mass deportation of student 'over stayers'; No capping rights; and now a round about face turn in its foreign aid policy, to sell education at \$1,500 a year to overseas students.

And what was the response when efforts were made to organise against such flagrant violation of our basic democratic rights? A bloody dumb blank wall of silence, the 'glorious' tradition of Malaysian Apathy. And behind the wall of Tidak Apa, filthy scabs, scurry about peddling their 'scare political rumours and slander. Fakes donned round white collars, joined in to preach appeasement. "Thou shalt receive what they masters shit"

This incidently, is also the political philosophy of Abu Sajed and a 'Concerned Student' in Salient Issue No. 16, who claimed he got the "Cream", a tragic blind confusion over frothy, yellowish liquid diarrhoea of a pig! The only kind of animal that could consume such 'cream' with gusto must be a psychotic with a plastic tongue. It is not worth writing any further on such revolting, ever faithful, shit gobbling animals.

The Malaysian community can conveniently write-off and disown such morbid black sheep. Probably more hope lies with elected student representatives?

But, behold, our so called esteemed student leader too turned to be such a perverted political midget in time of test. To quote but a most recent case of immaturity and sheer lack of guts. When Malaysian Paranoic Mahitir (Alias Idi Amin) stuns the world with his cranky "shoot on sight" solution to Vietnamese refugees, the President of MSA, Mr Shu Sze Hong was asked to comment by the Evening Post. He refused, saying to do so would "Jeopardise the position of foreign students in New Zealand"! (source: Evening Post 16 June). Till now I still could not understand the logic in that statement, but it is definitely, the most timid and unconveyable statement in the history of Malaysian students in NZ. Infact, he was more cautious than Big Brother Diplomat on the Terrace. Could we believe Mr Shu can lead in the fight for our welfare and interest? Need I say more.

### KRYNOID CUSTOMS

What about our younger generation, the High School students. When the \$1500 fees was announced, some were justifiably angry; some filled with self pity, and Some 'openly' don't give a damn.

After a hard fought campaign, Part of the battle was won. Those in High Schools will be exempted from the rise. But the fight goes on to completely revoke this discriminatory fee. To sit back now and say it not longer effects you, is [*unclear: usterly*] deplorable, self-centred and selfish. None of those who had been and still are working in the campaign is directly affected. They are fighting for your interest and that of our fellow brothers and sisters who were denied a tertiary education at home. To those complacent students, I ask, where is your conscience?

My appeal is simple, come out from behind those curry fumes and textbooks. We are not going to throw shit at each other and make a laughing stock of ourselves. We are going to stand together and show the NZ government they cannot shove us around. As long as we are here, we have to show the NZ people, we have our pride and dignity as a Malaysian Community. Scabs, bananas and tail wagging animals should be exposed as not belonging to our kind.

Salina.

PS: I have still to receive a reply to my questions directed to L Puke, OCF and Company, published in Salient last term.

## Vic is too Rough?

Dear Animals,

I went to see Citizen Band at your establishment. The band was excellent, the varisty audience was a pack of yobs.

I find it strange that certain persons (no sorry cretins) should find it necessary to pull and tug at my razor short hair and twist hand fulls of flesh on my person. Sandshoes and pink socks too, were obviously not in favour that night, for my feet were open targets for your students crush at will and my ankles were kicked at with greivous intent..

I'm five feet one, as Iggy says, so my head was the receiver of elbows in the face and far from gentle swipes across the skull.

Victoria University, you're an arse hole.

And by the way for all you swingers with the badges, half mast ties and adidas track shoes, the pogo died with Sid. If you want to pose, keep up with the trends at least.

luv from Fifi.

a graphics student.

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## Another Joe Doe Letter

Peter,

[unclear: am] not an "inconsiderate prick" as M. [unclear: Rea-would] have your readers believe — I feel [unclear: ge-] compassion for him and others to his si — on. Also, I am merely implementing the [unclear: nt] Government's forward thin kins basic [unclear: ophy] of private enterprise, and beside I [unclear: t] have any Groucho Marx' badge, nor do [unclear: e] any use for several of the other items [unclear: lis-] particularly his ex-girlfriends keys. (Does [unclear: ill] need them himself,) Finally, I have [unclear: ab-ely] no desire to return to the Robert Stout [unclear: ng] ever again whether or not questions are [unclear: and].

J. Smith.

## [unclear: Note] from the Top Image (s),

[unclear: ly] Omniscience, Omnipresence, and [unclear: Omni nce] tells Me that "Concerned Parent" is not [unclear: only] person who still has doubts. I can [unclear: con-tly] assure all you multitude of readers that [unclear: thing] will be done to remedy this situation [unclear: very] near future. (July 12th, say, give or [unclear: a] bit here or there.)

Yours faithfully,

The big G. (in the sky.)

Gazelles are much better than hedgehogs far superior to sheep.

## Truth about Uganda

[unclear: ntion] Subjects,

[unclear: is] is your one and only speaking, so yah [unclear: be-] listen good an proper. Dis day honourable [unclear: Pre-nt], Field Marshall, Idi Amin esquire, VC, DFC, [unclear: C], VD. De one, an your only, no doubt. Now [unclear: f], and day rest, let me git one thing straighten [unclear: c] De problems in mah country is just a naddah [unclear: of] dem commy cover ups. Any oh you think [unclear: a] think else likely to get a knife in de bonce. Any [unclear: ou] whities, kikes, pollacks (an de yellow [unclear: pe-][unclear: o] doubt) better listen pretty damn good to [unclear: t] your conquer got to say. Hacing your Piggy follow my footsteps for so many a year now, [unclear: ure] I gotta git down and visit may colony down [unclear: e] under. See you dear boys got many problems, [unclear: be] not known how to solve ey. Well don you [unclear: ret] none - have no fear, dada is here. I gotta [unclear: e] suggestions to end all your problems juis [unclear: I] I did back home.

[unclear: iggy] last night, tell in me he got economy [unclear: lem] and have to make dem yellow peril pay [unclear: 00] a year eh! Well ah tell you, he pretty [unclear: li-con] dem. In mah country ah like to shoot dem, [unclear: r] you dat give crocidile problem, (constipation [unclear: hinks]) Any more oh dem damn objections an [unclear: et] de ole bayonet out an check to see it de ole [unclear: are] OK or better ah might git de mallot out an [unclear: k] a few nuts (which ever ones please you best.) [unclear: bin] warned.

About dem people out der dat want a pool de [unclear: blem] again is easily solved. All dem who [unclear: ob-s] just gone a git it. Build be pool ah likes [unclear: wa- de] more bodies floating in it de better, even [unclear: nes] with a few of de old 45 holes for easy [unclear: llation].

All you in Pol 111 I hear you don like dat [unclear: werhead]. Well ah tell you, an lemme tell you [unclear: d], ad don like him either. He bin spreading [unclear: n] nasty roumours about de oppression in may [unclear: i] state. Ask any survivor, deh like it lots, [unclear: mains'ourse] deh all may children.. A got dan [unclear: mes-e] from my churchman, de Pope or [unclear: somethin][unclear: dey] gonna bring back castration jess for ole [unclear: erhead]. Dat fix jim, but roumers are goin [unclear: und] det ole Clev is balless anyway, but we him nan de leu.

Well must get on wid do old state visit.

Yours,

Love & VD,

Idi Amin Dada.

Det Tees bou oh yours, he ok so I don wan more gripes either, he a better bummer dan [unclear: tan].

reminder to Idi Amin Dada and any future [unclear: tributors] to Salient, that all letters and ares submitted must be "double line [unclear: spa-s]" typ. set)

## [unclear: Th]e Power of the Word

[unclear: ent] and respective readers,

I have recently noticed a growing hostility certain quarters to my letters.

To these people I address a wise old adage [unclear: e] best kind): "The pen is mightier than the [unclear: ord]."

So beware — I have more power in a single [unclear: noun] than the super powers have in all their clear arsenals. My revenge is of the worst kind, I can crush the will, twist the personality, [unclear: de-oy] any vestige of intelligence, wound the very ul, and yt leave the body intact (this is what commonly knows as a fate worse than death.)

And all who cross my path have reason to [unclear: ar] me — for I neither forget nor forgive.

Another dire warning of doom from The Author.

What about the power of the parson who [unclear: deci-d] whether or not to print your words? - ed.)

## The Proof of the Pudding

Dear Mr Beach,

You might be wondering why there were no cooking columns forthcoming from me over the last few weeks. I had considered just seething quietly away to myself but now consider that some explanation should be

made to those people who read the column.

Firstly, my humble apologies to anyone who happened to try and use the last two recipes. Typographical errors, first in ingredients (com bread recipe) and secondly the alteration of salt to suger in another recipe (tortillas) make me angry. (The correction to the first mistake was also incorrect — this was my fault as my recipes need to be in by Monday for the following weeks Salient — this did not give me time to look carefully at that Monday's published recipe.) I am prepared to continue with the column on the condition that the editor takes full responsibility for typographical errors of the sort that have appeared in my Last two columns and will refund those people who, due to such errors might waste or spoil meals. I can assure you that care and consideration in both testing recipes and checking copy submitted to Salinet will continue.

King regards,

Alfred Harris

(eating, sweet, unsalted, 20cm thick humble pie.)

(Salient apologised for this errors. We take all steps we can to ensure that there are no errors in any piece printed in Salient. Unfortunately, we don't live in a perfect world.....—ed.)

## Reply to Racist

Dear Sir,

"We never give the donor's name!"

I would like to reply to the letter from the so called "People's Voice."

The poor lad is really quite misinformed. Firstly, Malaysians are not dirty - have you ever seen a Malaysian students flat? It is called skin colour, not dire.

Why should they pay \$1500 anyway? Okay, a degree from NZ is one of the cheapest in the world, fair enough, But, paying the same for a degree from Victoria as a degree from Harvard is like being expected to pay the same for a Mini as a Jag.

Obviously "Peoples Voice" is not an economics student and knows nothing about the allocation of scarce resources — perhaps the Malaysian students prefer to spend their money on calculators and cars rather than fritting it away on booze and LP's. Anyway, whats so wrong with buying a duty free calculator? They'd be pretty silly if they didn't take advantage of it. And—not every person in NZ with straight black hair and small eyes, driving a car is from Malaysia - some are New Zealanders of many generations.

When the Minister of Education uses your argument to rationalize the cut in Bursaries I hope you won't complain. If NZ students are so poverty stricken why is Barretts so crowded every Friday and how can female students dress so fashionably on campus?

Also 'Voice' if NZ citizens are so good and Christian why don't the good Christian NZ businessmen hire them? Perhaps the 'dirty peasants' are more productive and pleasant to work with - you certainly wouldn't find them spitting out the sort of crap you have. Until there are no jobs advertised in the Evening Papers because Malaysian students have taken them all you really have no basis for argument. And New Zealanders are not the only christians in the world - there are churches in Malaysia.

Your letter shows that you are totally ignorant and misinformed. I you despise the Asians "in NZ so much why are you so concerned about the Vietnamese. The rapes and exploitations are only accusation - they have not been proved but were soaked up by a sensation starved journalist.

Malaysia took on the 'boat people' because of a guarantee by the UN that they would be resettled - this has not been done. Malaysia already has thousands of unemployed who aren't receiving any handouts of food etc so why should they give it to the so called 'refugees'. Malaysia has neither the land more the financial resources to support so many people and is understandably quite fed up with all the empty promises from the UN. How would you like having 50,000 Vietnamese camping around Oriental Bay?

Aussie Malcom has said that the facilities at Mange re cannot cope with more than 100 refugess so how can you expect Malaysia, totally unprepared, to welcome with open arms, more than 50,000 Vietnamese.

Finally, Salient, I am quite disgusted that you are so insensitive as to even print the letter by 'Peoples Voice' — aren't the letters read before they are printed? The accusations made are insulting enough but the writer hasn't even got the courage of his convictions to sign his name. Really, there is enough racial tension in the world today as it is — we don't need you to add to it by printing letterd from mindless gutless individual who think that their warped and twisted opinions are representative of all New Zealanders!!

Yours sincerely,

P. Shaw - another concerned

New Zealander.

(Salient has a policy of not censoring letters, particularly if they are to be censored on the basis of the view they express, Nevertheless, I regarded the letter as particularly disgusting.—ed.)

## A Bit of Terror

Dear Mr Beach,

I am smitten to the core with sorrow upon my realisation of the depths to which your one time glorious establishment has sunk. At this very moment while ill-wishers attempt to keep you preoccupied with such trivial matters as living, creeping fascism, Ovaltine and the identity of God (who?), a greater menace to our society than even the government is pervading our community.

Only recently, dozens of Ferret-sightings were reported in the Manawatu Gorge area. Remember that these vicious animals travel at great speeds and could even now be stalking innocent pedestrians down Manners Mall, in the guise of common everyday Weasels. Using the same cunning camouflage, many could even infiltrate our campus.

So remember, wear you steel woolscarf at all times, or caryy a loaded Caff chip. Do not be afraid to belch on sight.

Yours in mortal fear,

(T.T. Frogs pawner.)

## Genuine Facts about Malaysia

Dear Peter,

To Abu Sajed. Your reply in last Salient is noted and much appreciated.

I am pleased Abu accepted and presumably assimilated and digested the objective facts I spelled out except the minor controversy about the 42% or 53% population of Malaysia is dominated by Malays. My statistical figure is extracted from the genuine "Third Malaysian Plan" year book which is available in the Malaysian High Commission and I suspect the girl had given you the wrong figure.

It is a very healthy phenomenon that saudara Abu Sajed is keen to know more about Malaysia and take initiative in checking up statistical figures rather than taking things for granted. That's the way to learn mate!

Yours sincerely,

Hitam bin Ahmad.

## More Evolution

Esteemed Sir,

This Malaysian drivel has gone on long enough. When will you learn that they have the same right of self expression as the porcupines so liberally sprinkled on Salient's back pages. Malaysians and other non-whites are racially inferior (as I shall proceed to show) and hence should be universally repressed and randomly lynched.

The human being is distinguished from lower forms of life in that it is the dominant creature on earth -

indeed has the power to destroy the earth. What makes man superior to the animals? His powers of thought, creative manipulation of his environment, and self restraint. We hear alot about the virtues of being natural (ie people doing their own thing, or going 'back to nature') but in fact such a tendency towards naturalism is a downward step in evolution because it gets away from our ability to be unnatural (which is what sets us apart from animals.) Logically then, the mot superior type of human being is the most unnatural.

Having a 'white' skin represents the height of unnaturalness. When we act natural by taking off our clothes and lazing about in the sun, we go brown - and our skin clour starts to resemble that of an Asian or negroid person! Presumably this means either that dark skinned people have a long history of naturalness to render them permanently that colour or that they have never advanced from the animal state (most animals are black or brown.)

Succumbing to the 'desires of the flesh' also makes us more natural and therefore more animal like. The promiscuous long-haired, scruffy, dope-smoking, drunken element in our white society therefore falls below the level of the rest of us. The non-whites also drop alot further—not so much on the sex and booze count as on thier history of disregard for human life and their well documented dishonesty and unscru-pulousness in business dealings. Whats more, they can't even speak the Queen's English!

Conclusion? Racial cuperiority can be judged on a scale of unnaturalness, and caucasions are well and truly on top of this basis. Therefore, although the Malaysian is better than the frog or elephant, he is still an inferior creature and should only exist at our discretion. That they should even be educated at all is doubtful, and certainly any complaint they may have should be directed to the SPCA and not to the Government.

Yours dutifully,

Hubert Alexander Cholmondley — Farquarson.

## A Clip for Godfrey

Dear Sir,

A quick word of congratulations and thanks to John Godfrey for his perceptive review of "Sexual Perversity in Chicago" at Circa and a gasp of delight that at least one other Wellington theatre goer has supported and applauded Grant Tilly in his choice. Let's hope for "American Buffalo" which is even richer Mamer and human, in a way that Pinter rarely is.

## A Pertinent Query

Esteemed Sir,

Re Mr/Miss/Ms [*unclear*: a] Ngee's letter (last ed.). Where can I find a "smart new car" and an "expensive calcularor"?

Yours in extreme debt,

W. S. Lowe.

(4th Floor "Chatterboxes.")

## A Question for Yakou

Dear Sir,

Would the Israeli Ambassodor care to tell us why his country has been supplying arms to General Samoza'a

(ex) regime in Nicaragua?

Kristyn Rankin.

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## Academic Rebellion

Dear Editor,

We wish to inform all students of INFO 256 that an alternative unofficial tutorial will be given on Monday's from 1 to 2. These tutorials will be given by Philip R. Gibb (not actually a tutor more like a student of INFO 256, but he really knows quite a lot about it, honest, I mean he's done project I and how many other people have? He's also got a copy of KNUTH (God?) which is really amazing (bloody boring actually but how can you put down the messiah of the western world?)

This rebellious state of affairs comes about because of the time of the present tutorial 4-5 on Monday's, which is too late considering most of us finish our other classes by 12 or earlier. Of the 6 that attended the first tut. 3 would go to the alternative tut, and 2 of the others could go. A further 6 who didn't bother to go would go to the alternative time.

The tutor after being informed of this didn't even look into the possibility of an earlier tutorial. When informed of our plight he ever replied "Oh what a shame" in the typically sarcastic way of an inhuman android that seems to take over, the body of most people associated with the INFO department. Another example of lack of sympathy and human emotion that is plaguing the world today, inherent in any policy of fiscal mismanagement or stoichiometric reduction. This tutor also refused to give a "Poppu Niblet" to anyone who answered his questions correctly. He displayed the articles in question in front of us in a most wanton and lascivious manner calculated to destroy our spirit, the fiend.

If this alternative tutorial is a success Phillip R. Gibb has plans for an alternative lecture series for Math 231 (Mr Chong tries his best but he doesn't really make that great an impression, (understatement of the century?) and then maybe an alternative political party, government, world superpower, God. Anyway all you info students turn up, it might be to your benefit.

(\$\$\$\$\$\$)

Signed,  
Smart Arses in the Corner.

## Varsity's a Let-Down

Dear Edit whore,

NICE TA SEE YA 'GAIN PAL - YEAH, I'M O.K.

Okay I've finally admitted to myself that university is a hole. All that shit that everybody writes (eg in the handbook) about university being a watering hole for the economically privileged who stand for the status quo of society, etc, etc, is, would you believe it, actually true. So who writes it? Those who stick out this place for three years hating it all the time then taking it out on us poor 1st year suckers for the lousy time they've had here.

Yeah. So last year at school when life was a drag, it still is by the way, I thought, well, keep at it — varsity's the eternal paradise at the end of this shitty academic system. People here are so aware, so understanding about the problems and needs (joke) of society the whole place is just one great big commune with all these professors and academics (I even used to think there were intellectuals here), oh and students working and growing together in awareness and knowledge of life.

Well, I haven't come across one original idea so far. I couldn't give a damn now whether I was studying Bus. Ad. or the faecal matter of the South Andalusian rhinozingo fucken-sauropleurococcus, all I want now are my B1 passes and my bursary back next year.

Whose idea is it to turn every free thinking individual into a mindless credit hungry twit? I don't do Economics or Education or even Zool 305, but it seems to me that some people, a lot of people are most concerned with turning out machines to fill a few special specialised job slots and not have them ask questions such as do I actually enjoy this or do I find it meaningful?

Those doing Arts seem to be more clued up than than us Science students. Mainly because no one really cares what they think ie their power to shape society is not as potentially great as the scientist's — it is the latter who is at the forefront of new developments. With one of these mindless people (scientist) doing their job it is easier for vested economic and military interests to control just what they want the world to be.

So who wants to give the power to the people (to coin a phrase) by having too many clued up scientists and technicians around. Make them into unthinking machines by making their only concern at university, polytech, whatever for them to pass exams, and stuff as much shit down their throats as possible without asking questions about life, the world and their place in it, etc..

And those who do use thier brain to think are turned off by a society that can do without their type infiltrating the university system and challenging the powers that be to control the directions (or lack of them) of people's lives and thus those of the world.

Let me end this by making a final point. This letter was a fucking waste of time. No one could give a damn about what I've written and nothing I've said will change things.

Yours with love and kisses,

(ex) President Nixon.

PS Sorry about any grammatical mistakes. I don't do English either.

## **Change of Venue a Disaster**

Sir,

I have been informed by my advisers that a sad state of affairs exists at VUW. From the start of the year it has been obvious that SASRAC has been declining and falling in a big way - attendances have been low, any atmosphere gone completely. However I understand that a saviour came over the horizon promising cheap grog in pleasant surroundings. I refer to, of course, the Vic Club. I understand that for a few weeks there existed a facility for students to enjoy themselves, where the atmosphere of live background music and comfortable decor was appreciated by all those who turned up. At last Vic had something with potential, something that brought in the crowds and promised to be the lasting.

What stupid moronic half-witted son of a Tibetan camel-fucker changed the venue? How can you have atmosphere in a place as grotty as the Cafe, which reminds me of the public toilets that Keith dropped me off at near Courtney Place (didn't even have the usual sheepskin seat either). I feel that students should be given the facts of this matter from their representatives. It is obvious that the Vic Club is going the way most of the activities at Vic. doomed to failure through mismanagement and over interference by the petty minded 'committee' loving politicians who ran the Association.

The Vic Club will die a very lingering death. A sad loss for all.

Anne.

PS Table clothes will make stuff-all difference, the stains soak through newspaper in 2.33452 seconds flat.

PPS Has anyone tried a corgi? They're neat.

PPPS What are kumeras like in bed.

PPPPS Keith has asked me to ask you to stop throwing eggs, the dry cleaning costs are astronomical.

## **Ooooh! You're too Kind**

Dear Ed,

I think the person who puts the captions on the "letters to the editor" is the best writer on the "Salient" team. Keep it up, girl, you're doing a great job.

Love,

Carol Addley.

Dear Ms/Sir,

M. Entell had better tighten up his chastity belt, because a group of the stronger sex are going to come around in the middle of the night and castrate him (starting from the 'head' down.) Any common 'nerd' (the term does not include women) who has done even tiddly law in society, for example, knows that one of the basic fundamentals of the law-making procedure, is the ability to read between the lines, thus using one's (female) intuition. Of course, being a mere male, M. Entell wouldn't have the nosh to figure that one out. Also, any member of the Law Faculty who tries to ban a Super Woman from Law will be castrated re-ferring to the removal of the only things men believe do them justice — their puny cocks. After the females have almost taken over the Law Faculty now (give them 10 years at the most) M. E Entell will be living the kinky life of a eunuch after this.

I must also remind M. Entell of his role in life a mere 'puller' you are only regarded as a sex-objec - the mere subject of us crotch-watching females — the 'cream' of the university? I know this is a fantastic reply to your letter Mr Entell, but try not to get too excited over it — I hear it is very hard to seperate sticky Salient pages.

Yours in superwomanhood,

M. Hoppy

(Ms) 'come', crotchwatcher extroadinaire.

P.S. I just thought, it might be a good idea if M. Entell deferred from the university completely. After all, he can only attempt Wank 001, and I don't even think he's very good at that.

## Get in while you can

Dear Sir,

Let it be known that

- Esther Tippett
- Kathy Drysdale
- Cathy Marshall and
- Teresa Ryan

are considering my proposal(s) of marriage.

Yours polygamously,

Sheikh P. O'Donoahue.

## A New Club Needed

Dear Sir,

### NO BIG WORRIES - NO KIDS, WIFE Y'KNOW

Many years ago at this University there used to be a club known as VUNCC (pronounced 'vunk'), the initial standing for the Victoria University Night Climbing Club. Although, as far as I can gather, it was in existence for only a few months, it notched up several "firsts", including the Hunter Traverse, the Carrillion Climb, and the removal of the flag from the top of the National Bank Building in Featherston street. It was during the descent of the latter that an intervention by the local constabulary brought about the demise of VUNCC.

The purport of this communication is to enquire of the readers of "Salient" as to whether there would be any enthusiasm to the reforming of such a club, and if so, under what circumstances. I shall judge whether to pursue the subject further by the number of replies to this letter; so if you are interested, please write in.

Yours sincerely,

Ian Stenwick.

(Purveyor of Useless Information.)

P.S. Did you know that the P.O. Box number of the Alexander Turn ball Library, and the height of Mt Cook in feet are the same; viz. 12349?!

## Clean up the Letters Page

Dearest Salient,

In reply to "Average Varsity Student", the exorcism of the loony fringe from the letters pages of Salient would elevate the journal to the lofty echelons of the Dominion. As you yourself wrote, it is "innocuous", so why does it "mauseate" you? Furthermore, (I like that word), at least I use my own name, even if I can't spell it right.

For relieving my t-t-t-tension,

K. N. Philipse.

## The SRC of the 1 August

Dear Sir,

I'm writing to express grave concern at events leading up to and at the SRC of the 1 August '79. Firstly, I read the Salient on 30 July and noted on page three that an SRC was to be held on Wednesday - and the agenda was specifically stated in the order as follows:

- Election of Treasurer
- Election of NZUSA etc.... etc.....

Believing that this was just going to be another of those boring SRC's where 2 hours of more of my time would be wasted listening to the usual band of speakers spouting on about this and that.. ...and nothing in particular, I decided not to attend, but instead to go home and spend the afternoon doing some of my numerous assignments.

I was told by one of my friends on that Wednesday evening that the SRC on that day was of great importance to every student. Firstly, as Andrew Tees had resigned for personal reasons (the definition of personal must have changed since I was at school), a new President had to be chosen to fill that position until September.

It was apparently decided that the SRC of the 1 August was the appropriate time to vote in a new President, and Caroline Massof was duly elected. This election must have simply been an on the spur action and has therefore proved to be completely undemocratic. No matter what the expense, every student at Victoria should have had a right to vote in that type of election. If there are any who would still say that it is too expensive and timely to get voting papers etc., it was at least every student's right to know the SRC was going to vote in a new president.

I would simply like to point out to you, [unclear: M] Editor, why I believe that this Presidential vote should be declared annulled.

- At the SRC there must have been something in the vicinity of 250 students in attendance, means the stand-in President had only 4,2 of [unclear: t] people able to vote even voting at all.
- How tar this SRC was dominated by any [unclear: paticular] groups of people.

Therefore Mr Editor I believe that the SRC of 1 August voted in a stand-in President to [unclear: ou] Association on an undemocratic basis.

Yours democratically,

Margaret.

## Attack on Jealousy

Sir.

With the aid of a pneumatic drill and a [unclear: ker] worth truck, a thought, yes indeed a genuine golden-fried Kentucky thought, had entered that humble block of dense matter know, to [unclear: t] informed and educated, as my head. Whats a [unclear: t] rill! All 9 stone 6, 5ft 10½ inches (I apologize for my personal non me trification and am willing to bear with any stigma that may be attached to me due to my continued use of [unclear: Emperical] measurements) quivers with the orgasmic [unclear: e citement] this amazing and unusual discovery brings to me. Is it, I ask, is it every day that a though is expounded inside my cranium.

Anyway the reason for this astounding [unclear: fea] of mental prowess and endurance is the missal presented in Salient, vol 42, no 16, page 19 by a poor distraught, and may I add beaten, [unclear: youn] man who signed himself Jealous.

It grieves me, Jealous, may I call you J. S., to have to inform you that you have lost. I can understand your despair and chagrin, but there can be no hope. Of course I am a man, and let me add what a man. Could I with my 34 inch, flat, see through to the backbone, che be anything else. Let me inform you, if you [unclear: d] mind, that there is no possibility of successful competition against my multitudinous charms, my intellectual capacity (let me inform you that I have had a whole 3 thoughts in the last year and a half, no bull.), my magnificent body (there are many girls who would like to be as skinny as I am, there no insulation on this boy and my shoe size at a tidy eight (not ostentatious) and finally the bit all the girls like, my prize possession and deadly weapon (not my ree-and-lovely) but (are you ready for this) my (can you take it) Nose. A true work of art, a Da Vinci of nose. The result of careful breeding, and a distinguished lineage going back on my mothers side to the Irish Kings, and on my fathers side to the Scottish nobility (oh me father he as orange and me mother she was green.)

Against my nose there can be no resistance, you have lost J. S. you have lost. A thousand sympathies pour from my heart but can I help it Is it my fault that the lady's heart belongs to me. Let US not quarrel J.S., the love of a lady is an unpredictable thing, and who am I to argue.

B. G. kelly.

P.S. You couldn't by any chance inform me of her name could you.

## Editor in Danger

Dear Salient staff,

Recognise this hand-writing? If you do, you could be on the Mafia death-list.

Just a hint from an Old Friend.

# Is Salient Free?

Dear Sir,

(Cough!) (Gasp!) (Choke!) I'm speechless (Gag!) I really am. We hear all about the freedom of speech in the press as one of our wonder fullest (poetic licentiousness) democratic rights, well what about it then, eh!

For those of you who don't know what I'm about (and whoever does?), I would just like to inform you that my previous two letters have gone unpublished (Shock!). But seriously folks, the first letter was submitted for three issues ago and then re-submitted for the next issue (after it remained unpublished) along with a second, letter for that week. And as to now, (in those famous words) "nothing, not a sausage, bugger all." So what I want to know is, is this censorship, or a concerted personal attack, or have you just lost them?

You have a choice: either publish the other letters together with this one and an apology, or offer a sufficiently grovelling explanation as to how this unforgivable state of affairs came about.

This is an ultimatum — any failure to comply with it will force me to stand outside the "Salient" office and explode until my demands are met.

Yours in suicidal desperation,

Reginald Krutz.

## Another side of Maoism

Editor,

[unclear: as] disappointed with the two reviews of [unclear: Pe-uck] Soup which appeared in you 16 July [unclear: a] start they did not pick the political [unclear: ap-n] of the film Martin Brown claimed it [unclear: out-che] "French Trotskyist movement's view", Jonathan Scott said "it remains quite [unclear: un-a] who made this film and why." At least [unclear: admits] that the film "swipes" Trotsky, obviously indicates the film was not [unclear: cyist].

[unclear: e] attack on Trotsky related to his [unclear: involve-in] the suppression of the Kronstadt uprising Lenin and Trotsky were the two main [unclear: lea-] of the Bolsheviks. Anarchists are [unclear: traditio-] the people who beat the drum for Kronstadt. [unclear: he] film's refusal to see any socialist content Chinese revolution, and its portrayal of [unclear: Cul-] Revolution Maoism as a variety of fascism, [unclear: o] typically anarchist.

contrast, Trotskyists defend the socialised myth of China, and the tremendous social and [unclear: mic] gains that this has brought, while at the time Trotskyists are very critical of [unclear: bureau-] for holding back the full flowering of the [unclear: tion].

[unclear: e] expose of the bureaucracy was the most [unclear: e] feature of Peking Duck Soup, even if some interpretation of the factional intrigues was [unclear: airy]. The smiling pictures of Mao with [unclear: chev], Liu Shao-chi, Lin Piao, etc., [unclear: contras-ith] the repeated purges, could only have [unclear: ood] for Salient readers, who have been [unclear: a] pretty heavy diet of Maoist mythology [unclear: he] years.

[unclear: gree] with Jonathan Scott that the film is an explanation, but it does provide a mass [unclear: dence] on the completely unprincipled [unclear: in-g] within the Chinese bureaucracy, where [unclear: n] move from being a revolutionary hero capitalist roader and back again (as Deng [unclear: ping] has twice). The Chinese people, who [unclear: m] rightly portrays as tools in the purge [unclear: pro-ve] never been more than a cliched [unclear: expla-a] of what is going on within the bureaucracy.

[unclear: re] the film does not give a deep analysis of [unclear: blem], but it should interest viewers in [unclear: del-nto] some of the Marxist source material, it [unclear: rchist], Trotskyist or from the Chinese [unclear: di-novement]. The criticisms raised by the [unclear: di-its] bear a strong resemblance to those which [unclear: r] in the film.

Comradely,

Chen Tu-hsiu

## **[unclear: al] Pollution**

Editor,

[unclear: m] not quite sure through which channels to [unclear: t] my complaint so I will use your paper(?) [unclear: ice] my greivances. My main concern is [unclear: re-ng] the unsightly posters which have [unclear: appea-n] most walls / doors / windows etc around [unclear: ampus]. The quantity has shown a marked [unclear: ase] in the last month or two, mainly [unclear: con-ng] 'education fightback'. Fine, but could [unclear: ersons] responsible for defacing our already [unclear: thetic] buildings please be responsible enough move their advertising once the event they advertising has past. I feel I have the support [unclear: ost] students regarding this matter and hope those concerned will stop talking about [unclear: no-] and remove their posters (ie something [unclear: ructive] for a change.)

C. Ormrod.

## **Who Finances the Posters?**

[unclear: r] Peter,

**GOT NO MONEY THOUGH**

[unclear: Coming] as it did at the end of one tired long [unclear: w] Week for Education Fightback, and, at the [unclear: t] of another tired long busy week for the same [unclear: e], I must say that I did not appreciate E. Ha[unclear: on's] criticism. The dear lady does not seem to [unclear: ise] that if we continue to correspond at the [unclear: ent] rate of a letter a fortnight, and given that [unclear: e] are 39 weeks in the varsity year, if we are [unclear: b] here for another 3.5 years, we have to write [unclear: ther] 68.25 letters to each other. While my mind just be able to stand it, I cannot vouch for E. [unclear: ilton's] or indeed the patience of the good [unclear: at] Salient.

However, I still hope to see you E. Hamilton, [unclear: n] at Parliament on Thursday 26 or round the [unclear: thack] office. There's plenty of work for all, the way, I would have thought Merv Wellington a more worthy target of your literacy efforts, so make sure you write him too. Don't want to offend anyone, now, do we?

'Meas Amicos' is of course a mistake, but not an intentional one. I suspect the proof-reader (or my atrocious typing). Sorry, but remember the world won't stop turning.  
Depressedly yours,

As before,  
T. Scotney.

## **The Hedgehog is Dead. Long Live the Sheep**

Dear recipient of divine wrath,

**SAY PAL: COULD YOU GIVE US A SMOKE?**

I am relieved to see that theological apathy is not totally manifest in this institution. But i would warn those considering voicing bizarre or perverse religious feelings that it is a very dangerous practice - although God is a

sheep he is most vengeful, and it would be a pity if more people were to meet the same fate as the unfortunate departed Arthur p. Hedgehog. I am concerned that the Maoist/Salient cohorts of Arthur P may be attempt to a stage a resurrection - beware of imitations! Despite what you may read, Arthur P is no longer with us.

Even though the hedgehog has been removed, his crooked henchmen continue their evil work. Even in my last letter, there were a couple of typesetting errors no doubt initiated by our satanist editor. The perpetrators of nastiness and goatery are all around us, So be viligant!

Be reassured, God in his sheepdom is alive and well. For those who still doubt, remember the beatitudes! Blessed are the meek, bleesed are the persecuted, blessed are the humble, blessed are the pure! The qualities described are those of the sheep. Only sheep, or people who become like sheep can enter the kingdom of heaven; since we all know the ideal being was created in God's image, God must be a sheep himself.

We have now been told that God may be a tuatara. The proponent of this scheme is on the right track - recognising Arthur P Hedgehog for what he was, and realizing the impossibility of divine hedgehogs - but is a little misguided (probably a light-weight in this field). We know that the tuatara ia meek and docile and has been in existence for longer than most other creatures (including the sheep), but it rules itself out on many counts:

- As D. E. Tuatara points out, the presence of the animal in question in Palestine (the holy land) is crucial. There there are sheep, but no hedgehogs or tuataras.
- Throughout the ages, God's followers have been persecuted. Whereas the sheep is persecuted, the tuatara is not (as I pointed out above, God'S followers are those in his image.)
- The message of Christianity has been spread almost all over the globe. Missionaries generally take the credit for this, but in fact the credit belongs to the sheep whose advance has paralled, if not outstripped, the advance of the human version of 'the word'. The tuatara, being horribly patriotic and a devout stay-at-home, has never really been in any position to spread the good news.

I wish to conclude by speculating on the identity of this Gumboot person. Being in touch with God, I already know his identity, but I will allow him to persist in his little game. His residency is Vic house and his gumboot mania lead to some strong conclusions. Gumboots suggest agriculture, agriculture suggests sheep persecution, and sheep persecution means evil. Vic house means uncouth, barbaric, piss-swilling, perversion, and thats not good either.

My conclusion is that this person is not worth identifying, and he'd better watch it or God will tap him too.  
Yours in sheep-fondling ecstasy,  
J. C. Grope,  
Exosss Groops marketing board, Ovine consultant.

## Daniel the Ripper

Sir,

Let it be known that my brother Daniel, is not the cruel monster he might seem to many women. He's worse.

Yours,

Jillian Stenwick.

(P.S. Then again, he did unchain me for a whose hour yesterday to let me play in the kitchen with the iron.)

## Malaysian Education

Dearest Mr Abu Sajed,

I see no right on your part to interfere in Malaysia internal affairs if you have nothing whatso Ever to do with the Malaysian government as you proclaimed in last week's Salient (9th July). You are nothing but a bloody stirrer.

For your information (you must have received your information through your mucous stuffed nose!) the indigenous groups in Malaysia (especially the chinsese), whether they like it or not, have to muck their education in Bahasa Malaysia in which case they will never be able to have the chance to go overseas in the ever-increasing advent of Malay domination in local universities and other tertiary education in Malaysia. As you very well know, English is the most widely used language in this world. These people will lose the ability to communicate successfully with a lot of people and countries in the world. Any information, for successful conveyance, will require interpreters who cost money, time and accuracy!

The introduction of the Malaysian M.C.E. Certificate in place of the G.C.E. (general certificate of education: Cambridge) has had the effect of lowering the standard of education in Malaysia. The English language has become only one of the language subjects and even if a Bahasa Malaysian educated indigenous Malaysian can speak English he/she won't be able to attain higher education overseas because that meagre knowledge cannot be enough to enable further education in it.

For your information, Mr Abu Sajed, the indigenous groups in Malaysia now educated wholly in Bahasa Malaysia speak in Bahasa Malaysia to friends, and write letters in Bahasa Malaysia. One immediate case to me is my young brother In the future when his Bahasa Malaysia gets too complicated I won't be able to communicate with him through letters since my own chances of getting better knowledge in Bahasa Malaysia were not fulfilled through lack of school facilities a few years ago.

So, I suggest that if you Mr Abu Sajed, in the future, have the rotten guts to "expose" something you know nothing accurately enough about, either go and ask more Malaysians about their conditions back home and judge properly instead of jabbing at inaccurate conclusions (for better information and accuracy, you should at least talk with students of all races and from all over Malaysia) or read more articles printed about Malaysian affairs (though why the hell you should I can't think why.)

Yours In-correcting-yours,

C.H.E.

## A Case for Bags

Sir,

Let me pass into that Utopia, nay,  
that police state we call a library  
with bag in hand and pride intact  
Let me swear upon the Holy Bible  
that safe will be their sacred tomes  
though they dwell in my unworthy presense;  
then will they let me pass unhindered  
through that poor man's pearly gate,  
purposeless as the navel it rushes to meet?  
And if they heathens be, let my solemn  
promise be heard by the heats as from  
mine 'twas sent  
Let trust take root in place of doubt  
lest we begin to doubt ourselves.  
Let the 'No Bags' restriction be cast  
into darkness that we may rise there from  
that which we lose in books shall we  
gain in dignity one hundred-fold.

as sincerely  
written as read,

L. A. Spencer.

GEE THANKS, PAL

Notice is hereby given that there will not be a Pub Crawl on Friday. It will not start from the Cafe at 2pm, it will not then more off down town, and it will not culminate by drinking Barrett's dry. So there!

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EXEC ELECTIONS Applications for positions on the 1980 Executive of the Students' Association are now open. The positions available are: President Woman Vice-President Man Vice-President Secretary Treasurer Publications Officer Welfare Officer Sports Officer Cultural Affairs Officer SCR Co-ordinator Each position carries an honorarium. Applications will close Thursday 30 August at 4.30 pm and should be lodged in the box in the Students' Association office. Any application can be withdrawn 4.30 pm on Friday 31 August. Polling will take place on Wednesday 12 September and Thursday 13 September from 8.30 am to 6.30 pm. There will be a polling booth in the Wellington Clinical School at times to be arranged. Prospective candidates for the positions of Treasurer are reminded that Sections 22 and 23 of Schedule No 2 of the VUWSA Constitution require that candidates for Treasurer must have, as a minimum requirement, passed Stage 2 Accountancy. Further information on the positions is available from the Students' Association office and further information on the elections can be obtained from the Returning Officer. Anyone wishing to register an absentee vote should see the Returning Officer as soon as possible after all the candidates are known. Kelvin J. Ratnam. Returning Officer.

SRC Wed 12 noon Union Hall Agenda \* Election of Treasurer \* Election of Overseas Student Officer \* Assessment grading \* Motions for August Council. Last Thursday evening, a special Executive Meeting, the Association Executive and the 1980 Election Committee discussed at some length the problems associated with the motion passed at the last SRC: 168/79 That Caroline Massof be appointed Interim President until a Special Election is held; and that this election be held in conjunction with the election of the 1980 executive. Carried. In the light of the complications brought forward, the following motion was put, and will be brought up in the business of the next Student Representative Council: Aikman / Underwood That the Executive notes: (a) the constitutional and policy difficulties raised by the 1980 Election Committee regarding the proposed simultaneous by-election for the vacant position of President. (SRC resolution 168/79.) (b) that the 1980 Election Committee requires that before acting as Election Committee for the proposed by-election, a written opinion be obtained from the Association's solicitors certifying that the proposed by-election is intra vires. And that the Executive bring these matters to SRC's attention at its next meeting on Wednesday 8th August and in view of the information then available seek a decision from the SRC as to whether: (a) the proposed by-election should go ahead (b) SRC should rescind resolution 168/79 as exercise its powers under Part 4 Section 5 of the Constitution to appoint a President. And that the Executive recommend that in the event of SRC deciding to exercise its right to appoint a President under Part 4, Section such appointment be made at the first SRC the third term, in order to allow that meeting to be fully publicised. Carried unanimously.

VUWSA Victoria University backpacks and tee shirts are now available from the Studass Office. Backpacks \$11.00 Tee shirts \$5.50

End of term hop Thursday August 9th, 9.00pm - 1.00 am in the cafe. Beer and spirits available. Proceeds to Education Fightback. JOHNNY MONO AND THE STEROIDS.