

# Varsity Gets Heavy On Library Cuts

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Photo of King Kong

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## Library Cut—backs

The faculty that seems to be hardest hit is that of Commerce and Administration. Some basic statistical figures will give show to what I mean. The figures were taken on the 1st July, 1976. This year's figures are not yet available but the academic staff I've talked to say that the relevant course student numbers have not varied greatly.

The 'University Statistics' also show that for 1st year Commerce students those full time \* = 246. 69% Part-time=109 31%

It is obvious from the last table, that B.C.A. students must do work over the May Holidays. Each of the core subjects require material to be handed in/tests be sat in the 1st or 2nd (Econ) week of the second term. In order for those students to be able to do the work, they need (a) a quiet place to study and (b) access to material, other than their notes, from which to research their assignments. From the tables we also see that at least 25% and up to 31% of the students are part-timers. When are these students meant to do their assignments or study if the Library Closes 5p.m. Each Day During the May Holidays.

To many of these students, the University Library is the only quiet place they have in which to do their work. Also the University Library, is the only library in Wellington that has all the relevant books/articles/periodicals needed when doing a report or

The problems facing these students in the core subjects are also faced by students at 200 & 300 levels in Buad but even to a higher degree in ACC4. With regards to the Accy Dept it should be noted that;

- it has the worst staff to student ratio in the university — roughly 20 student units per staff member. At stage 200 level, average lecture is 210 students, and tutorial size of about 15-17, and at stage 300 level the average lecture size is 185 and tutorial size of 13-14. (If this was the case in Maths or the Sciences, I wonder how long it would be, before the staff started to complain that it is extremely hard to give each student the sufficient attention that is needed when dealing with complex theory and technicalities. (The Accy staff are complaining.) I also wonder how long it would take for the University to react to this problem (at present the university is doing very little to overcome Accy's overcrowding problem).
- it has a higher proportion of part-time students to total number of students than any other department.

All the 200 & 300 level 1st half year key courses have work/tests to be done by the 1st week after the May holidays. With four of the courses (Accy 211, Accy 201, Comm 201, Comm 301) there is a specified percentage of the final grade, and the other three courses, the assignment will be taken into account in final assessment.

In 200 level courses, the proportion of part-time students drops to about 15% of the lectures (due to the fact that many part-timers fail the 100 level courses and so the library cut-back is another obstacle for them.) At 300 level courses, the proportion of part-time students rises to 30-40% of the lecture again (this is because many students come back part-time to finish the degree or to gain additional course that will help them towards their A.C.A.)

The cutback in library basically comes down to this: because the library closer at 5p.m. during the May holidays, most part-timers were denied the chance to gain access to and utilise the university library. Even without the library cut-backs, the part-time student was at a serious disadvantage compared to the full-time students. This is often due to the fact that a part-time student has a full-time job and so must try to do his or her academic study in the evening when he/she is tired.

No wonder part-time students are upset and angry about the library cut-backs during our 'holidays'

(Holidays for whom?)

Do you also realise that it is only five weeks to finals! Yes — that's right! With commerce courses, they are mostly 6 credit, half year courses. Due to the short-length of these courses, the pressure on students is on from the start. To close the library early at night before these examinations is just ludicrous. In fact I believe the first half year is harder than the second half for commerce students. With examinations, there is a 2 day (c. f. 2 weeks attend of year) between end of lectures and start of exams. The exams are squeezed into one week (c.f. 3½ weeks at end of the year) Of course, due to the benevolence of the University, we have the last Thursday and Friday off of the study break, before another set of courses start again.

It is little wonder that the Bursaries Committee of Prof Board comes to the conclusion that it takes the average student four years to do a three year course. It looks as if the Library Committee wants to keep it that way.

We demand that we have access to our library during our 'holidays' so that we can study and research essays that must be completed and handed in straight after the holidays. It is little wonder that we are pissed off and we want to see the cut-backs to the library hours in the August holidays, abolished.

P.S. If you are pissed off about the library cut back and how it affected you, don't just tell your mates, tell your lecturer, she/he most probably will agree with you. Also tell your Association so that we can act as one when trying to talk sense into the 'far sighted' and 'progressive' library committee.

— Tom Duggan

## Sociology.

At a meeting of soc 101 tutorial reps and staff held late last term, it was decided that student representation would be in the form of an elected representative Sinader Katz, aided by Vars Gavriel, Lynne Hancock and Chris Russell (assistant representatives.) These representatives have been allowed the use of a room at 6 Clermont Tce (opposite No. 10) and will be available for students to come and discuss problems, hassles or anything else concerning the course in general, at the following times.

Also the tutorial representative is required to attend staff meetings of the department, with full voting and speaking rights. Anyone else interested may attend. The most important outcome of the last meeting, held during the May break, was the decision to split the Department of Sociology and Social Work into two separate departments Department of Sociology and the Department of Social Work. This should be beneficial to the Sociology Department as its staff/student ratio becomes more, and it will be able to get more staff and funds to improve its general functioning, whereas before its funds and staff requirements were considered with the Social Work Department, and it appeared to be better off than it actually was.

Another item of interest was a statistical examination of soc 101 (1976) pass rates. Only 18% failed the course, including those who dropped out. But of those who passed only 6% got A grades.

— V. Gavriel.

## Newsheet

NEWSHEET MONDAY MAY 23. 12 NOON Mass at this time every week at Room No 1, 24 Kelburn Parade. All welcome. 1. 10p.m. 'The Triangle' by James Saunders presented by Drama Soc in the Union Hall Admission by donation. 3p.m. Meeting to discuss bursary action in the Board Room. 7.30p.m. Squash Club: important meeting to discuss inter club and constitution. (They don't say where — try Lounge and Smoking Room.) TUESDAY MAY 24. 12 NOON Radio Active news team meeting to discuss 2nd term and \$10 deal. All interested in being on news team during August holidays welcome — Radio Active Studio. 12-2p. m. Young Socialist literature table in the main foyer. 2.15p.m. Union films: 'The Phantom of Liberte by Luis Bunuel. Memorial Theatre. 4.30p.m. Pottery class at "Pottery House" — 54 Adams Tce. Any enquiries ph Pippa 888-285. Run by your own student club. All welcome — especially beginners. 5-7p.m. Scottish country dancing. Union Hall. All welcome. Join the fun and get warm too. 8p.m. Philosophy Society meeting: "What is Geography?" as a philosophical question, by John Patterson. Discussion, tea, coffee, after. Conference Room, 6th Floor, Easterfield Building. WEDNESDAY MAY 25. 1p.m. Mass is celebrated each week at this time. RB 819. 1p.m.&3p.m. Pottery classes. All welcome especially beginners. "Pottery House" Adams Tce. Enquiries to Pippa ph 888-285. 5p.m. Wine and cheese evening for staff and students (2nd, 3rd 4th years in particular.) Organised by the English Club. Admission \$1.50. (Non alcoholic drinks will also be available.) 8p.m. AGM of new Dionysian club for students with classical interests. Wine and a Roman supper will be served. (Charge for supper and membership — \$1.) THURSDAY MAY 26. 12.10p.m. 'The Triangle' by James Saunders. Union

Hall. 5p.m. Union films "The Graduate" Memorial Theatre. 5.05p.m. Weekly mass and tea. Lounge, Ramsey House, 36 Kelburn Pde. 5.30p.m. Pottery classes at "Pottery House" Adams Tce. All welcome — Enquiries ph Pippa 888-285. 7.30p.m. Gay Liberation meeting. Join us and help fight for gay rights. All gay men and women welcome. Smoking Room. 8p.m. Young Socialists discussion: Socialists and the abortion movement — all welcome. Lounge. FRIDAY MAY 27. 12.10p.m. Drama Soc play: 'The Triangle' by James Saunders. Union Hall. Admission by donation. 12 NOON Marxism and the University David Beggood Memorial Theatre. 9-1p.m. Association Hop. Watch notice boards for details 8-11.30p.m. Maths and Physics Society Wine and Cheese Evening, Lounge and Smoking Room. Tickets \$2.00 from committee members in the information science department honours room. SATURDAY MAY 28. 1.30-5.30p.m. Seminar on Angola — Soviet colony or new independent nation?" — "Cuban intervention — in whose interest?" — "FNLA and UNITA forerunners for US imperialism?" Organised by Wellington Anti-Apartheid Plenary. Registration \$1 for students. All welcome. SUNDAY MAY 29. 2p.m. Screen printing classes run by the visual arts club. 61 Fairlie Tce. All welcome. Enquiries to Pippa ph 888-285. 2p.m. Painting/life drawing classes run by the Visual Arts Club. We provide tutor, etc. All welcome especially beginners. Ph Pippa 888-285 for more details. NEXT WEEK WEDNESDAY JUNE 1. Sociology staff/ student party. All clubs may put notices in news sheet. Deadline is 12 noon Thursday in the Students Association Office. No late entries accepted.

## Middle East at SRC

SRC image showing raised hands

S.R.C. opened on time as usual at 12.30 p.m. After reminding the meeting that agendas and minutes of the infamous 'Capping S.R.C.' were available and watching the resultant scrum, Lindy Cassidy flew through the agenda and on to Matters Arising which is when things really got going.

It was moved by Bruce Robinson "That VUWSA rescind all previous Middle East policy and (a) Endorse NZUSA motion 123 and also (b) That VUWSA support the claim of the Palestine Liberation Organisation to be the legitimate national authority of the Palestine people and:(c) Support the establishment of a democratic secular state in the whole of the Palestine area.'

This had somehow been passed at the Capping SRC and he now moved that it be recommitted for discussion. He also made the observation that "he had a strange feeling some might disagree with it." What a bright boy - let's give him a chocolate fish — because the debate was very hot, ranging from the extremely emotive (e.g. P.L.O. hijack, kidnap, murder, extort funds) to the extremely cool (e.g. 6,000,000 Jews killed in 1940 have fuck all to do with the people here) and at times degenerating into name-slinging matches between the pro-P.L.O. and the pro-Zionist.

## Plo or Not?

Basically the pro-P.L.O. group felt that what is needed to solve the Middle East conflict is "establishment of a democratic secular state in the whole of the Palestine area" and the pro-zionist group felt that this could not work because of the conflict of culture between the Palestinians and the Jews and because it had been expressly stated in the P.L.O. Constitution that the Palestinians would not consent to occupy the land that is now Israel while the Jews are still living there.

Part (a) of the motion was then put and passed to be followed by the substantial loss of Part (b). Then the most controversial area of the motion, Part (c), came up and was promptly drowned in a sea of amendments;

Moved Norman/Richardson. "That this association supports the right of the Palestine people to achieve self-government in the form they wish it, that is, a democratic state and that this association accept this principle to be the right of all races and ethnic groups in the world.

Moved Addley/Underwood.' That the Palestine people have the right to self-determination.

All were lost finally. The foreshadowed motion of Andy Moore-Jones to reaffirm previous S.R.C. policy was discussed and described as "the most equitable way" by Steve Underwood and as a "compromise motion" by Bruce Robinson because he felt that "there was no possibility of dialogue during a state of war" even though this seemed to be in direct contradiction of his motion to have a state where the people would not only have to speak together but to live together.

## Back to status quo.

In the end the motion was put after a procedural motion and carried, leaving S.R.C. policy in almost exactly the same stale as it was before Bruce Robinson's motion first came up.

Reports were next on the agenda and everyone settled down to hear about the fun and games at May Council from Lindy Cassidy — some being so well-settled as to fall asleep. It was announced that NZUSA will be investigating concessions based on the ISIC card in suburban and national rail services, a service which if implemented will be very useful to students.

On another aspect of student finances, we are not now having a Bursaries March since it was found that most other campuses, including Auckland who put forward the idea in the first place, are not willing to come out on a march. However, there will still be a National Day of Action on Bursaries (June 17) and ideas put forward for this are leafletting, letter writing campaigns and posters to lead up to forums on the day.

A pamphlet on Industrial legislation is to be produced by the General Vice-President of NZUSA (David Tripe) while the President herself (Lisa Backsen) will be undertaking work on opposition to the findings of the Royal Commission on Contraception Sterilisation, and Abortion.

## **NOSAC formed.**

Last in order but perhaps first in importance was the funding of the National Overseas Student Action Committee (NOSAC.) NOSAC was first proposed at the International Students' Congress and is now a standing committee of NZUSA. It has been set up to oppose the cutbacks in overseas students.

## **Resignations.**

The International Vice-President for NZUSA (Paul Watson) has resigned and applications are now being called for the position. NZUSA are also calling for applications for Student Directors on Student Services Holdings and have re-opened applications for the China Trip, to close again on June 2.

Closer to home, Catherine Paterson, the Woman Vice-President for VUWSA has resigned and applications are being called for the position. The election to which will be held on Wednesday May 25 at the S.G.M.

## **Abortion.**

By now the time was 1.50pm and it was abortion. Juanita Doorey jumped up and trotted to the microphone, to tell us why we should support her motion (Moved: Doorey/ Shields. That this Association supports the abortion rally on May 19) only to be forestalled by Leonie Morris who wanted an amendment "That this Association give \$100 to CoAction towards covering costs for the campaign at Parliament on May 19" but consented to having it changed into a foreshadowed motion, seconded by Lisa Sacksen.

Back to Juanita Doorey's motion and the discussion started jumping — is it illegal? Yes. Is it opposing the entire report? Yes. Can you clarify the aim? What? — ending in an amendment. (Moved: Carter/Underwood. That this Association supports the abortion rally on May 19) which was promptly lost. Discussion then reverted to the original motion which was put and carried, only to be followed by the loss of the back-up motion (Moved: Doorey/ Shields. That this Association give \$50 towards covering the costs for the abortion rally at Parliament on May 19) — a slight contradiction? With one minute to go the foreshadowed motion was rushed through and earned and the meeting closed.

election - A new Women V.P.

## **Next week. . . .**

The next S.R.C. is on Wednesday June 1, but before this there will be a Special Attraction, an Association S.G.M. to be held on Wednesday May 25, which will be guest-starring the election of a Woman Vice-President, discussion on abortion policy and Exec members' honoraria and a motion coercing Executive members into attending S.R.Cs Come along and do your share of stirring in the Association policy pot and if this doesn't appeal, the chairs in the Union Hall are quite comfortable to sleep in.

— The all new SRC reporting team starring Lamorna Rogers

## **Zuchinni in Hot Lemon Butter**

Tuck header

*(Exquisite, very gourmet, very simple.)*

- Preheat oven to 375 degrees E. or Gas 6.
- Take 1 medium sized zuchinni for each person and slice lengthways, after trimming ends.
- Butter a shallow pie-dish and place Zuchinnis alongside each other in one layer only.

- *Squeeze the juice of 1-2 lemons over the Zucchini, moistening all thoroughly.*
- *Dot with small knobs of butter or hard margarine.*
- *Sprinkle with freshly milled black pepper, and salt.*
- *Cover with aluminium foil tightly, and bake 25 minutes.*

*Note — easy way to extract juice from lemon, insert the prongs of a fork into lemon half Hold lemon with one hand tightly, twist in one direction and the fork in the other.*

*Helen Corrigan.*

let me help you make a little money 30 a whole lot further It you need a little help and advice on how to make your money go further while Richard knows the sort of money problems you're going to be involved with as a student and he'll be pleased to give you all the assistance and advice that's possible Apart from the BNZ services like cheque and savings accounts free automatic savings facility the Nationwide Account travellers cheques and so on there are two particular BNZ services that a lot of students have found very useful BNZ Educational Loans The great thing about these is their flexibility You can take one out for a few days to tide you over a rough spot till the end of term or you can borrow on the long term and plan things out over the years you re at varsity BNZ Consulting Service Free helpful advice on practically any financial matter from people who understand money and how it works And just by the way there's another good reason for banking with the Bank of New Zealand it's the only trading bank wholly owned by the people of New Zealand Call at the BNZ on campus office and fix up a time for a chat with Richard Starke or phone him direct at the BNZ Wellington Branch Cnr Lambton and Customhouse Quays Phone 725-099 ext 702 BANK OF NEW ZEALAND Wholly owned by the people of New Zealand

Lunchtime show. " THE TRIANGLE " by James Saunders. Monday 23rd May, Thursday 26th May, Friday 27th May. The show starts at 12.10 pm. Admission will be by a donation - the bigger the better.

## Salient

Official Newspaper of Victoria University of Wellington Students Assn.

## Nosac Sack Osac!

Out of NZUSA came the priority of fighting the cutbacks which have been introduced by the National Government on Overseas Students. A new standing committee has been set up to take on this task and will be starting immediately. A campaign to show both N.Z. and overseas students the extent of the cutbacks and the effects that these will have.

The cutback of Overseas Students (45% of the previous years intake) is an indictment of the commitment that New Zealand has in South East Asia. On the one hand, New Zealand spends money on training Malaysian and Thai troops to put down the liberation struggles in those countries, plus spends millions on building strategic military motorways in Indonesia (little use to a nation of the worlds poorest people); and on the other, they cutback the aid which is the most useful ie. training Asian students in our Universities.

There are two reasons why educational aid should be increased and why the amount of military aid given should be decreased.

By accepting overseas students into New Zealand, the Government is making a positive stand in helping the Third World nations develop. New Zealand's role in this area has been particularly smutty in this respective and this is one of the ways in which we can improve our commitment.

Perhaps more importantly; New Zealand should get out of SE Asia and stop doing America's dirty work by propping up the repressive puppet regimes of Malaysia, Singapore and Thailand. Already the New Zealand people are being buttered up for a new conflict in SE Asia similar to Vietnam. News reports depicting the inhumane activities of "terrorists and insurgents" are being used to whip up public feeling in preparation for a full scale intervention.

This is the message that NOSAC (National Overseas Students Action Committee) is trying to get across. It will be building a campaign to tell O.S.A.C. (Overseas Student Admissions Committee - a committee of the University Grants Committee) to reinstate the cuts.

Hopefully, through the campaign, New Zealand students will come to realise that our overseas friends make a positive contribution to New Zealand and campus life.

## Salient Notes

Among those who can tell one end of a layout table from the other and Gyles Beckford from an epileptic toilet brush are Salient workers Lamorna Rogers and Rose Collins who directed operations from the television room as a massive round-the-clock operation was mounted to find Bruce Robinsons' sanity recently lost at an SRC. Bruce, never good at telling an SRC motion from a waste of time was meanwhile drinking to forget at SASRAC with Simon Wilson, Eugene Doyle and Lynette Shum. They were ably helped by Rod James who can definitely tell the inside of a bottle from the outside as well as Rire Scotney from Chris Norman, who were also present. Meanwhile Lalita, Glenda McCallum and Jane were getting the beer for Pat O'Dea who couldn't tell Little Feat from the Bay City Rollers if they didn't print the names on the cover, not to mention David Murray who couldn't tell May Council from Sasrac except that the latter is a little more sober.

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## President

— Lindy Cassidy.

Drawing of an angel with armour

The International Student Congress was a tremendous success. It not only promoted friendship and warmth for the 130 people who attended but also an understanding of different cultures, political situations, and particular problems facing overseas students.

Throughout the discussions it was obvious that the issue of most vital concern was that of the recent cutbacks in Malaysian students. It is very easy for New Zealand students to regard the cutbacks as a non-issue, but such a move by the government has serious implications for local students. When the government dictates to the Universities how many Malaysian students it may admit the whole concept of an "open university" becomes threatened. It is only one step removed from cuts in the overall intake of students as part of an economic stringency campaign. Thus it is important for New Zealand students to realise the ramifications of the cutbacks in Malaysian students and to join with them in their efforts against such reductions.

These cutbacks reflect the continuing attempt by the Malaysian and Singaporean authorities to restrict studying abroad regardless of the laws applying in the overseas countries. The smashing of the Malaysian student unions like UMSU in 1975 which led to the flight of student leaders including Hishammuddin Rais is an object lesson of these governments' attitudes to "their" students engaging in political activities.

The fight against the Malaysian government inspired cutbacks is a fight for democratic rights in Malaysia and deserves the support of all students.

## May Council

Besides the tired and haggard faces, the hangovers and some throats what did May Council achieve? Amidst the proverbial bullshit and the apologetic references to the ah hem.... 38,000 students, there were some important policy decisions. NZUSA's commercial activities, received a stronger commercial orientation and it was stressed that NZUSA should not become dependent on its commercial activities for financial support.

There was also a stronger recognition of New Zealand's involvement in South East Asia, the struggle for civil liberties especially the repressive industrial legislation and the findings of the Royal Commission. Also high-lighted was the plundering of our waters by Soviet fishing fleets.

High priority was given to the campaign against the cutbacks in Malaysian students and a National Overseas Student Action Committee was formed as a standing committee of NZUSA to conduct the cutbacks.

Overall the four main priorities for action are bursaries, the cuts in overseas students, the findings of the Royal Commission and the attacks on civil liberties. But priorities for action, though they may sound good, don't mean much unless constituents acts on them. That means us.

Who Needs You?

Radio Active does. Your campus radio station, 2XA, requires writers and performers of radio plays - serious and comic, profound and insane - for Arts Festival, 1st week in August when we'll be "on the air" again. (Remember Orientation Week?). If you're bursting with literary and dramatic talents here's an opportunity. Why let publishers and other office flunkies thwart your creative enerhies? Contact:

Ron Bellman, Programme Director, Radio Active, Phone 893-231.

Applications for the N.Z.U.S.A. Delegation to the People's Republic of China have been re-opened until June 2.

All students are able to apply.

See the poster around the Uni. or see the International Affairs Officer.

What's going on in Angola? Come to a Seminar! Sat. May 28, 1 p.m. Lounge and Smoking Room.

Hot Meals: — Now Available in the Cafe. 12 noon - 2p.m.

Cultural Affairs Committee.

There will be an urgent meeting of the above committee on Mon 23rd at 5p.m. in the Board Room. Please Be There!.

## You're all Heart!

It is drawn to the attention of students that the University endeavours to provide special examination facilities for those with physical disabilities and for others in exceptional circumstances during the mid-year degree examinations. Students who wish to make use of such facilities should contact either the Examinations Officer in the Robert Stout Building, or one of the Student Welfare Service staff members.

Students are advised to read the aegrotat regulations in the University Calendar. If in doubt about whether to submit an aegrotat application, enquiries should be directed to the Liaison Officer or staff members mentioned above.

N.M. Scoones (Mrs)

Examinations Officer.

## Executive

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"Abandon hope all you who enter here". Aye Dante but fool that I was I entered into yet another Exec meeting. As Sir Walter Scott put it: "The hour is come but not the Woman Vice President". And we shortly found out why.

## Farewell Brave Heart

In his report Kevin Swann (Secretary) read a letter from Catherine Paterson stating that owing to pressure of work and personal circumstances she could no longer be WVP. Her resignation was accepted "with regret". It can only be hoped that her successor will look upon her responsibilities a little more realistically and with a great deal more enthusiasm than she did.

Kevin also received a letter from a Latter Day Saint requesting permission to erect a display in the area between the cafe and the Studass office, or some similar space. They also requested that a couple of them be able to be present to answer questions and the like. This received a blow on the head from the Exec. The Latter Day Saints, like any religious or commercial group, are welcome to hire a Union room but they felt that to concede to this request would not best serve student interest. Phrases like "once you let one in..." were voiced.

## At the Wheel

In his report and plaster Peter Thrush informed the meeting that whilst returning a mini tanker to the brewery, from a Capping event he did a few 360 turns he had not intended. Peter assured the meeting that it was unlikely that the Association would have to fork out any money, however. Also on Capping and crutches he reported that a good time had been had by one and all at the Capping Ball.

At the moment Peter (Sports Officer) is investigating the establishment of an Aero club. If enough people are interested and have enough money the Wellington District Aero club might be convinced that a discount is called for.

## What's More

As well as imitating as a 'dog's body' Neil Gray attended the International Student Conference, which he said was "one of the most progressive and unitary congresses" that he had attended. He is doing preliminary work for an event which every Trevor worth his gumboot would attend i.e. a hop.

## Confusion

Applications for Student director of Student Services Holdings are open. Person with initiative, ability apply with-in... This part of the meeting had plenty of initials like SSH and IITWU as well as big words and I

must admit that I am a Bear of very little brain and big words bother me.

Gerard Couper had nothing to report, nothing to say, Gerald Sharrock was absent, Peter Gilkison hadn't done much either, doesn't sound too good maties. The ones who had the least to report lengthened their reports by piling praise on May Council and the ISC.

Lindy gave a quick report on May Council. She, along with the other Exec members who were there, felt the Victoria delegation had done very well. A large part of Vic's policy had been passed. Peter Gilkison said that Vic was "one of the largest delegations. Well done Lindy... you were a good organiser".

"Good organiser? Yea I say unto you, and more than a good organiser - an uncommon pretty young woman".

Lindy gave a brief outline of new NZUSA plicy and priorities for this coming period. Such things as the Abortion Campaign Bursaries, Student Travel and the Malaysian Student Cutbacks Campaign headed the list.

On the Bursary issue it was decided the National Day of Action (June 15) would go ahead - but without the march.

Steve Underwood informed the meeting that the May Council had been a big splash for the Association and would cost the troops a pretty penny. Something in the region of \$1500 or 3,000,000 wine gums or 30,000 small blocks of cheese. He agreed that a big delegation payed worthwhile dividends but thought 14 delegates possibly too many. Lindy said the experience gained by those who went down was a legacy it was only wise to bequeath to the future and a large delegation was also important for a healthy Council.

## Arts Council

Andy Moore-Jones (sho is resigning from the National Exec of NZSAC) informed the meeting that he was the only delegate to eulogize Arts Council. Somewhere around this time Steve Underwood took out his rapier and lunged another lengthy attack on Arts Council. Steve's idea is that, given the fact that Arts Council has been reorganised by Rogets Thesarus as a synonymn for financial loss its activities should be controlled. General idea being that at the meeting this weekend (21-22 May) NZSAC be reconstructed. A Finance sub-committee could be set-up of I representative (treasurer) from each constituent and the director of NZSAC being the chairperson. By doing this NZSAC activities could be controlled by the financial big guns who will hopefully ensure that Arts Council does not involve it in any bad deals. If possible Steve would like to see Arts Council limited to a few low key activities plus Arts Festival. Most people seemed to agree but Neil Gray and Andy Moore-Jones weren't helluva impressed.

In connection with Arts Council's generally unhealthy situation Peter Thrush asked "What's wrong with all these arty people" and suggested they should look at what dashing figures the Sports people cut in organising activities. Every year there's a Sports Tornament, as well as plenty of inter-campus activity. The clubs are healthy too.

"Sport has more appeal than culture" said the chap in the scarf and sunglasses in the corner.

"The rugby club has better support than the Arts Full Stop" said Bruce in the green and yellow pom-pom hat.

## AUSA gets Fired Upon

It was around this time that I was looking about desperately for something to write about when into the paddock galloped Thrush and Underwood. These two blighters had got together and prepared the following motion which was put to the Exec:

*"That this Exec Exprfss to AUSA (Auckland University Students Association) its Concern and Dismay at the Decision to Request the Attendance of Mr Harder at a Disciplinary Hearing Because of his Efforts to Uphold the Rule of Law in the Recent Bus Drivers Dispute".*

Harder is the Auckland Law Student who filed an injunction which was to rule the bus strike illegal and continued to generally harass the Tramways Union.

Thrush and Underwood were under the impression that his activities outside the university were the reasons he was appearing before the disciplinary committee. No-one at the time was aware of the real reasons. That enemy of the workers. Harder, had with-out requesting or informing the AUSA Exec, gone about campus attempting to collect money to carry on his attack on the drivers. The Auckland University Constitution states that raising funds on campus can only be done with the Executives permission. It was for this reason that Harder is to appear before the disciplinary committee. The Auckland Trades Council was considering blacklisting students when they heard of Murder's fund raising taking place on campus.

Everything Harder has done during the Drivers dispute can only be described as scurrilous and discreditable to AUSA, to which he is a member.



Of our executive Lindy Cassidy was the only voice (of an Exec member) to be raised against this motion. Most appeared to agree with the sentiment of the above motion (given the entirely incorrect information they had received) but after much debate they were convinced that the Exec is not a policy making body. Of course the bloody Exec is not a policy making bloody body! The Exec as a group have no right to communicate concern or dismay to our brothers in Auckland.

For an Exec to express "... " to another Exec or SRC is hardly politic especially when you've got all facts wrong. Thrush and Underwood don't normally 'get involved in issues' and the fact that they involve themselves in this one (not to mention the angle they take) suggests no morals but a combination of ignorance and arrogance culminating in a motion which is a discredit to our Association.

- Eugene Doyle

**NATIONAL AFFAIRS PROGRAMME FOR THE SECOND TERM** The National Affairs Committee is organising a series of Forums on Civil Liberties this term. It is important to raise awareness about the repressive laws that the Government passed in Parliament last year which restrict New Zealanders' Civil Liberties. The Judicature Amendment NO2 Bill states that "the Supreme Court will be able to review any decision of an incorporated society or any other incorporated body in respect of the rights, privileges, immunities, duties or liabilities of any person." This means simply that any individual can take any member of an incorporated society to Court. This Law actually affects students too. It means that any individual can take a member of a particular Varsity Club to Court, for example, donating money to the Vietnamese - even if it was the collective decision of the particular club, it can be over ruled in Court. You can see how undemocratic this Law is, and the way it might affect you. The Studass Office is selling a booklet (20c) called "Labour's Leg-Irons." on the new Industrials Law, as well as the Judicature Law which has been outlined. List of Civil Liberties For Second Term May 30 Henry Stubbs. Secretary of Tramways and Public Transport Union on The Bus Strike and how Injunctions affect You! June 1st Sonja Davies, The Shoppe Assistant's Union. The Chilean Woman Refugees from Chile who have had experience within the Trade Union movement, and other speakers to be arranged. on The Role of Women in Trade Unions. June 9th Pat Kelly, Secretary of the Trades Council. Peter Franks, (NZUSA.) Christine Gillespie on The Repressive 1976 Industrial Legislation Laws. August 11th Mr Gordon Minister of Labour If anyone wants any further information or wishes to help in any way contact Margaret Casey, Studass Office or Home - 721734.

**THE RENAISSANCE** The English Department will present in second term the eight films from Kenneth Clark's "Civilization" which deal with the with the Renaissance in Europe. The films will be shown in the Union Theatre on the following Tuesdays from 1 - 2p.m.: May 24: The Great Thaw May 31: Romance and Reality June 14: Man — The Measure of all Things July 5: The Hero as Artist July 12: Protest and Communication July 19: Grandeur and Obedience July 26: The Light of Experience

## ISC a Success

The 1977 International Students Congress was held at Victoria University from May 7 to May 10; It was a great success. More than 200 student representatives and leaders from all the campuses throughout New Zealand attended the 4-day conference. Guest speakers were invited from various organisations and institutions. They included representatives from the labour Dept, the Foreign Affairs Dept, the Counsellor for Overseas Students, rep from the Working Women's Alliance, guest speakers from the South Pacific and University of the South Pacific, the National Director of the Overseas Students Service in Australia, speakers from NZUSA, universities and others.

The topics covered during the conference were very wide ranging from Overseas' Students' welfare problems to South Pacific and South East Asian affairs. The participation and response from the international audience during the discussion time was very encouraging. The friendly atmosphere and the spirit of "Strength Through Understanding" prevailed throughout the congress. At the last session many resolutions were passed. Among these was one which called for the annual holding of the Congress. This shows that the representatives appreciated the importance and significance of such a Congress.

## Cutbacks Discussed.

Perhaps the issue which has the immediate concern of the students during the conference was the "cutback on overseas students.' As this issue was discussed in the first session, there was a heated debate between the students and the reps from the Labour and Foreign Affairs Dept. The latter gave some reasons for the drastic action but was rebutted by the Congress. It was clear that the reps tried to evade the questions of the floor which who believed that the reasons for the policy lay far from the excuses given.

The Language Achievement Test for Overseas Students (LATOS) was rejected by the Congress as one of the main criteria for admission into N.Z. educational institutions. The Congress also challenged the validity of the statement given by the government reps which reasoned that LATOS really tests the English standard of the Overseas Students. However, a proposal to carry out a LATOS test on the Kiwis so as to "get the proof" was refused by the reps.

During the second session on May 8, reports were submitted by representatives from all the campuses briefing out the actions taken so far concerning this cutback issue. After listening to the reports, the Congress decided that the actions were not enough, and thus an action committee. (N.O.S.A.C.) was formed to start a campaign nationally and internationally against this policy. A press statement was released (published in Evening Post on May 12), and a telegram of support was sent to demonstrators at the Pacific Basin Economic Council (PBEC) meeting in Christchurch.

## **Cultural Evening**

The cultural evening held on May 8 was organised by the WMSSA. Various interesting cultural items were put up by the different clubs and associations from the seven centres. The night's performances were filled with applause and encouragement from the audience. The cultural evening was indeed educational as well as entertaining. Perhaps the highlights of the evening were the sketches put up by AMSSA and MUMA (Massey centre.) The former presented a sketch on the cut-back issue, encouraging all concerned to support the campaign against the policy. The latter's sketch depicted the plight of the squatters who defied eviction orders from the authority. The sketches undoubtedly reflected the aspiration of the people and the problems they are facing.

Malaysians, Kiwis, Fijians, and Samoans took part in the cultural events — these included songs, folk dances, instrumentals and solos. The guitarist solo, Don Franks, got everyone joining in the chorus with his attractive composition, "Detente — I can't Trust You Anymore."

The evening ended with a slide-show presented by a member of the Lincoln College, showing the interesting international community life there.

## **Social**

The party held on the evening of May 9 was quite different from what we normally would have, but in no way was it Mow-key.' There was booze, songs, and folk dances all night But all had made the evening 'the way they wanted it'. That was certainly the fullest participation we could get. There were sing-alongs; group dances the exotic "fambos-dance" had created great excitement, the "snake-dance" had to crawl through the corridor. The mealtime film-show 'The Train' was thrilling indeed, so much so many were "carried away" from their delicious 'Hangi.' Another outstanding feature of the evening was the continuation of private but yet cordial discussions and conversations among some small groups.

## **Farewell.**

The farewell gathering on the evening of May 10 seemed to be an extension of the previous night's warmth and laughter. In addition there were impromptu speeches by those who had something to say anyway. Songs of friendship and solidarity were sung. After the "Auld-Lang-Syne" hands were shook until they were sore and wet. The atmosphere was so "warm" that all were reluctant to disperse. Oh, what a night!

## **Conclusions.**

The Congress showed that more students are becoming aware of the social and welfare problems happening at home and around the world. The actions to be taken, the good response and the full participation during the Conference manifested itself the Conference manifested the great concern of the students for the welfare and basic rights of their fellows. The success of this congress has reinforced the foundation of friendship, understanding and solidarity between the New Zealanders and the Overseas Students.

I look forward to attending the next Congress in 1978 to be held in Christchurch.

Solidarity Forever, Overseas Student.

P.S. Credit should be given to those cooks and kitchen hands of exotic international dishes throughout the Congress from morning till evening. The significance of the various international clubs taking turns to cater for more than 200 is certainly the development of the spirit of co-operation and understanding.

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## News From Malaysia And Singapore

### Metalbox Strike

The Singapore Metal Box Workers' Union (SMBWU) Is presently on strike in protest against the company's unjust dismissal of 19 female operators and 3 watchmen. Its 360 striking members had been camping outside the company's gate since 4 April.

The SMBWU is one of the very few active independent unions left in Singapore that is not affiliated to the Government controlled National Trade Union Congress (NTUC). For the past few years, the SMBWU has been struggling against all odds to represent and protect the interest of its workers.

Its recent dispute had been brought to the attention of the Ministry of Labour. Although strikes are very rare in Singapore, the Ministry of Labour adopted an indifferent attitude to the Metal Box Workers' plight and gave no assurance that it would help the workers to resolve their dispute. It also gave the workers the lame excuse of not being in a position to intervene" regarding the conduct of the company's personnel officer "as it was not a negotiable matter."

The officials of SMBWU also approached Phey Yew Kok, the President of NTUC and General-Secretary of Pioneer Industries Employees' Union (PIEU) on two occasions, one before the strike and the other on the second day of the strike. On both occasions their request was turned down.

In addition, the PIEU openly tried to break' up the strike by calling upon the other 120 non-striking workers (temporary and new workers) to dissociate from SMBWU and join PIEU.

Under such circumstances, the SMBWU has no alternative but to call upon its paternal organisation, the International Metal-workers Federation (IMF) in Geneva for support.

The IMF responded and requested its Australian affiliate union, the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union of Australia, to investigate into the Metal Box case.

Thus the President of the Amalgamated Metal Workers Union of Australia,. Mr. R. H. Scott flew into Singapore and called upon the Metal Box workers on April 11. "to convey fraternal greetings" and to assure the workers that they had "the fullest support of his union in their action."

Photo of people sitting on a lawn

This gesture of international solidarity immediately incurred the wrath of Devan Nair, the Gen-Secretary of NTUC. In an attempt to save the embarrassment of NTUC for not helping the Metal Box workers and also to side-track the real issues of the striking workers by focussing on the presence of a foreigner, Devan lashed out at Mr. Scott and accused him of "blatantly Interfering in an industrial dispute in Singapore."

At the same time, Devan childishly complained that he felt slighted that Mr. Scott did not pay him a courtesy call as a leader of NTUC.

The SMBWU was condemned by Devan Nair "for bypassing the sympathy and goodwill of other trade unions in Singapore and for shamelessly soliciting foreign interference in their dispute with the management of Metal Box."

The Singapore Government, too, reacted with contempt at the presence of a person representing an international organisation giving solidarity messages to striking workers. The officials of SMBWU were summoned to the office of the Registrar of Trade Unions on the April 11 afternoon and told to supply information on the speech of Mr. Scott earlier that day.

With such strong reactions from the Singapore Govt, and the NTUC. it would not be surprising that the

S'pore Govt, would spare no effort to crush the SMBWU once and for all and stifle whatever independent voice the Singapore workers have to prevent further exposure of the plight of the Singaporean workers to the international labour movement. Already there are indications that the Govt. - backed PIEU is working openly to smash the SMBWU.

Ref: Straits Times 11-13 April, '77

Four big names in Japanese business namely Mitsubishi, Marubeni, Nippon Kokan Co. Ltd., and Toyo Menka had submitted a Joint proposal to Thailand to build a US\$2.4 billion pipeline and oil refinery in South Thailand.

The proposed pipeline will span from Phuket to Surat Thani, thus cutting down the distance of the oil tankers' Journey plying between Middle East and Japan.

Refinery and oil storage facilities will be constructed at Surat Thani which is about 330 miles south of Bangkok.

The pipeline as planned will carry oil from the Middle East for transfer to Japan by supertankers. Japan is heavily dependent on Middle East oil. The country imports 80% of her energy consumption.

Further, a large natural gas deposit was found last year in the Gulf of Thailand to Sattahip by two oil companies - Texas Pacific Thailand and Union Oil Company of Thailand. Plans are underway to run a pipeline connecting Texas Pacific's deposit to Union oil's deposit and then to Sattahip and Bangkok.

Given the scale of the proposals, it would be expected for Japan and the United States to keep a watchful eye on the political developments in the region for the practical purpose of safe-guarding their enormous investment in the oil infrastructure.

The implementation of the oil pipe proposal will be extremely complex and without doubt the military regime in Bangkok will further intensify its armed moves against the patriotic forces in the area. It was admitted by the Thai military that many students fled to the jungles in the south after the October coup.

On the regional level, the proposal will put Lee Kuan Yew in a fix as the island state is heavily dependent on the oil route to Japan. How this conflicting economic interest will be resolved or exaggerated within the 'Asean' alliance is yet to be seen.

Ref: New Straits Times March '77.

## May in Dunedin

It was good to get back to Dunedin. Such a beautiful city — especially in autumn. Although most of the students had pissed off for the holidays, the Otago University setting was ideal for what turned out to be a very mixed NZUSA Council.

A word of explanation. Councils, two of which are held each year, are the highest authority of NZUSA where all policy is mulled over and finally decided upon.

## Opening Plenary

Councils usually start amicably enough; chief delegates sitting around the ring of tables exchanging pleasantries, their delegations huddled behind them ready to rise in defence when necessary.

After bumbling through meeting procedure and an abortive attempt to discuss arrangements with the media, the reports of the National Officers, eight in all, were discussed.

The President, Lisa Saksen, presented and spoke briefly to a report which rambled through areas both far and wide. When speaking to her report, Ms Saksen commented on things which were not contained in it. This, I am led to believe, is common practice and in fact, all other officers did likewise. It does, however, demonstrate clearly that the writing of a report cannot achieve more than a brief dealing with the randomly selected activities of the officers concerned.

Although the President in speaking to her report covered the Royal Commission on C.S. & A, Arts Council (perhaps for the last time) and the International Students' Congress, her main thrust was the structure of NZUSA and its relationships with its members.

She described NZUSA as resembling "a pregnant elephant reclining in a deck chair" meaning that the eight person national office was performing tasks at the request of the constituent campuses and councils without having much in the way of a direct link with, what Bruce Gully the Auckland President

Lisa's solution is stronger constituent Associations such as full-time Vice-President as well as Presidents for each Students' Association. Whether this would actually strengthen grass-root participation is doubtful and would probably just transfer the pregnant elephant effect to the campus level. The most progressive trend in this area is that the idea of an "open SRC", similar to that which V.U.W.S. A. has got, is growing in popularity.

Auckland have just set up such a structure and one or two other campuses were making noises about an open SRC at Council.

Basically, if you don't have campus democracy, then you don't get campus involvement.

Mike Shaskey, Education Vice-President gave his report — a lengthy but entertaining document which dwelled on the relationship of the NZUSA National Office to its constituent campuses. He placed importance on the solving of the "us and them" problem i.e. the distrust of the National office by the various student associations. Certainly there is evidence of this phenomena; for example the motion from Auckland to decrease the voting power of the National Officers on the National Executive. It was also Auckland who attempted to rap National Office over the knuckles for the resignation of the International Vice-President, Paul Watson. But more on that later.

## **David MacPherson, NZUSA's new research officer.**

## **There's a strange wing blowing from the north; David Merritt (Auckland SRC Chair) and Bruce Gulley (Auckland President) enjoy the proceedings.**

David Tripe, the General Vice-President gave his report which included a moan about the wide varieties of areas that the GVP is supposed to action. These include student welfare and accommodation, women's rights and national affairs such as energy policy, foreign control of New Zealand and keeping an eye on legislation being passed in Parliament. So far David Tripe has handled these areas reasonably well and apart from women's rights, has provoked little complaint from constituents.

International Vice-President, Paul Watson was the last political officer to give his report. Before he rose to speak to it, Lindy Cassidy, Victoria chief delegate moved that the report be not accepted. The reasons were that the report did not accurately reflect his work since his coming into office at the beginning of the year. Unfortunately, several of the other delegations were upset at Vic's brash tactics and a motion was carried that the report be tabled till final Plenary. Throughout the four days, three emergency meetings of the seven constituent presidents were held to discuss the matter and the way it should be handled. The report was eventually received at final plenary, but soon after, Paul Watson resigned.

After an enthralling and lucid report from Peter Franks the NZUSA Research Officer and reports from the Managing Directors of STB, Students Services Moldings Ltd and the Chairperson of NZSAC, Council broke into Commissions to discuss the various remits.

## **Priorities Plenary**

After bashing out policy in the commissions (finance and Administration, International, National, Education, Welfare and Accommodation and Women's) all delegates gather to battle it out for the overall research and action priorities for the Association.

For this year, NZUSA's priorities are:

Action:

- Bursaries.
- Cutbacks in Overseas Students.
- Civil Liberties/Abortion.

Research.

- Overseas Students in New Zealand.
- Travel Concessions.
- Child Care.
- Dentistry.
- Status of Women.

## **Final Plenary**

This is the grand finale of Councils. The entire Council goes through all the policy passed and tosses out motions that somehow slipped through commissions without anybody noticing. These can last anything up to 12 hours at a single sitting being only interrupted by cups of coffee and fish and chips from the shop over the road.

On this particular occasion the final plenary barely lasted 4 hours — an indication that the entire Council

had gone very smoothly. Policy was amended, lapsed and adopted no end.

At this stage, AUSA put forward their motion to alter the balance of power of the National Executive. It consisted of raising the voting power of the constituent Presidents to two votes and retaining one vote for each of the four political officers. What was the reason for the motion?

Mr Gulley doesn't really think much of the National Officers — or so it seemed. There seems to be this mysterious distrust of anyone or anything that comes from Wellington present in AUSA which infects even the most progressive student politicians up there. The distrust is based on the presumption on the part of AUSA that they could get along quite okay without the burden of the rest of NZUSA.

What Mr Gulley failed to realise in his ploy to attack National Office hegemony was that the National Executive is a management committee for the Association. It is unable to make policy of any sort. That can only be done at Council and SGMs. AUSA's motion eventually failed to find a seconder and lapsed after a small amount of discussion.

It was also at the final plenary that the International Vice-President announced that he was resigning from the position. Next to nothing was said about the affair (yet) and the resignation was received without fuss.

After grinding through the National and Women's Commission remits the fireworks began proper. It seemed as if the resignation of Paul Watson had crystallised the mistrust and antagonism between National office and some of the constituent Presidents. Yet again the AUSA President led the attack by moving:

"That the Education VP, General VP and President be reminded that the National Office should work together co-operatively and when differences arise these should be referred to National Executive."

Speaking to the motion he proceeded to hack the entire National Office to pieces, saying that the axing of the IVP was in his own words "a set up." The only one he did not attack were Peter Franks and the secretarial and accounting staff. He reminded David Tripe (GVP) and Mike Shaskey (EVP) especially that they were "not God's gift to constituents," and accused others of rudeness and making snide remarks about Mr Watson.

On top of all this, he reiterated his time-old threat of pulling out of NZUSA.

The following speakers paled in comparison perhaps lacking the killer instinct which Gulley seemingly possesses. Speaking for National Office, Lisa Sacksen, Peter MacLeod and Peter Franks defended their actions and pointed out that they were placed in a very difficult position regarding the International Vice President. At this point, Gulley began to fade slightly and placed a large part of his argument on the details of a meeting which had apparently taken place after the Council dinner between the national officers which the IVP had, according to Gulley's sources, not been invited to.

This was a major tactical error on the part of the AUSA President, because Paul Watson had attended the meeting — therefore acquitting the national office of this serious charge. At this stage of the meeting, Peter MacLeod (NZUSA Accountant), being an astute man, launched a counter-attack at Gulley. Obviously, many of the constituent Presidents were getting worried at the prospect of having to vote on the motion.

Gulley then announced that he would rather lapse the motion but then turned around and said that the motion was just a warning to the National Office to behave themselves in future. Sighs of relief echoed round the room, methinks mainly from constituent Presidents, who did not want to commit themselves to the vote.

The affair, although having the positive effect of getting things out in the open, left a slightly nasty taste in everyone's mouth. Although it will give National Office something to think about when they sit at their desks at 32 Blair St, it certainly did nothing to resolve the alienation from the student masses that the National Office must feel.

The "Us and Them" syndrome was bandied around a lot at Council. Certainly there is a healthy tension between the National Office and constituents, but the main point which came out of May Council is that the constituents must elect officers who they have full confidence in and then get behind them 100%. It is unrealistic to suggest that National Office should transmute details of all problems which arise in the course of their work.

In relation to National Office; the campus profile is needed now more than ever. The campaigns NZUSA are waging now are more vital than they ever have been. More than that, they are close to home -fighting the assault on civil liberties and educating New Zealanders about fascism.

In order for the political officers to have good student meetings and get the backing of New Zealand students, campus organisation is essential. This should be a directive to constituents of NZUSA. Democratise decision making in student affairs and above all "Get Organised."

## Epilogue

Although there were squabbles, 1977's May Council went smoothly and there was a greater feeling of unity than there normally is in NZUSA Council. Otago University Students' Association organised Council well and our thanks go to them.

One thing we noticed in Dunedin was that everything (almost without exception) is cheaper than here in Wellington. Any student who is finding the going a bit tough financially and who wouldn't mind ripping into a bit of a medical qualification should get their tickets for Dunedin now.

P.S. NZUSA has now got a second research officer after a decision by the National Executive. He is David MacPherson, a New Zealander who has been in Australia for the last few years. He starts his job on May 31.

THE PEASANTS ARE THREATENING TO OVERTHROW US, SIRE! OH YEAH?... WELL, THEYLL SOON FIND OUT" WHEN THE FOING FETS TOUGH, THE TOUGH GET FOING!" GIVE ME A ONE-WAY TICKET TO ARGENTINA

## Another View

Wherever the cracks start appearing in this fragile world of ours you'll find a student nose sticking through trying to come up with a policy on it.

As student organisations go NZUSA lives up to this description, having 381 policy motions at the start of the recent May Council and over 400 at its completion.

NZUSA's interest in the world starts at home with the 95 motions under the heading 'Education'. These motions give our views on integration of state schools, everything you ever wanted in the way of bursaries, policy on an equitable assessment system etc., Currently policy is concentrated on areas related to bursaries and assessment (with new policy calling for group assessment) and fighting the cutbacks on overseas students.

In the dubiously named section 'Finance and Administration' which includes all organisation motions and the NZUSA Budget Vic moved the following policy on the NZUSA commercial empire was passed:

- That the aims of SSH Ltd. be to provide goods and services to the members of NZUSA and that where possible these be at a lower cost than otherwise available and that they contribute to the strength of NZUSA.
- That SSH Ltd. set its charges at such levels as the Board sees fit to maintain a profit level sufficient to assure the long-term viability of the companies. The student directors who hold the majority on the SSH Board are now to be elected for two year terms and to be charged with bringing reports to May and August Councils on :
  - the future direction of SSH Ltd and its subsidiaries.
  - the financial viability and current activities and proposed activities.

Another interesting motion that was passed is the following: That in matters of policy where contradictions emerge between the commercial and political wings of NZUSA they be resolved at General Meetings of NZUSA (Inc.)

The basis of International policy is laid with motion [*unclear*: 11] :-

*That NZUSA holds imperialism, colonialism and neocolonialism to be the major stumbling blocks to self-determination, national independence and peace for the peoples of the world. NZUSA therefore resolves to support those movements, both in New Zealand and throughout the world, that are struggling against imperialism in all its forms.*

As well there is a policy attacking the contention of the US and USSR in the same terms as well as support for the 3rd World proposals for a new World Economic Order.

A motion forming the National Overseas Students Action Committee as a sub-committee of NZUSA with a 600 dollar budget was the most important of the new policy passed. The committee is first to be active on the Cutback issue and the Hisham campaign but is expected to expand its activities in future to cover the whole area of Overseas students action.

Policy opposing US colonialism in Micronesia (it has two strategic nuclear weapons bases there) was brought in and the commitment to a nuclear free zone in the South Pacific was stepped up. Research into military alliances and military research in NZ universities was also stated. Active support was declared for November's planned anti-apartheid conference.

The section entitled 'National' means 'New Zealand' which means 'anything' and sometimes means that you can't see the policy for the forests. Actually, forest conservation forms a major part of the National policy although its rarely actioned. The Enviroment, Energy, Drugs, Foreign Control, Racism, Civil Liberties, Fishing etc. all rate a mention.

Welfare policy consists of three long motions (about a page each) which makes it too hard for me to attempt to select snippets or such from them. Suffice to say the establishment of a scheme of dental care on campuses is among them.

Womens policy is a rapidly growing group of motions called from other policy areas and as yet without the coherence or totality of the other sections. Much of it is made upon the spot at Councils and Womens policy is

thus less representative of campus feeling than some other areas.

NZUSA policy is not wanking - it is the only basis on which the three elected officers and two appointed research officers can act. On the basis of this policy and the priorities set at Priorities Plenary you get the political force that is NZUSA. As much as the policies hopefully represent some coalescence of constituent policy so do the actions of the National Office hopefully concentrate the isolated actions of the constituent associations into a unified expression of the interests of some 38,000 students.

- A Student Observer at Council.

The International Vice-President of NZUSA, Paul Watson, handed in his resignation at May Council.

Nominations for the position are now open. For more information, contact The President, NZUSA, P.O. Box 9047 Wellington, or phone 856669

***Bert Eastoe: President of Lincoln, supported our fishermen.***

***Grant Stinson: Massey's Resident and the other half of the Agricultural lobby.***

## **How [unclear: NZUSA] Works**

AUCKLAND WAIKATO MASSEY VICTOR SRC EXECUTIVE EXECUTIVE SRC MAY AND AUGUST COUNCILS In May and August every year old rads; grads and undergrads are elected or appointed to represent their Students Association at the political equivalent of an all-in wrestling match. This is held at one of the campuses ( this year's May Council has just been held at Otago) and provides an opportunity for all the old-timers and a few first-timers to relive old times, old policy and old hangovers. Somehow or other the new NZUSA policy emerges and is usually quietly shelved until the next Council. Now that our glorious government has scrapped the Rangatira in the name of progress much of the excitement has gone out of South Island Councils. NATIONAL The National Officers (President, Vice Presi and policy from National Executive and the M policy is successfully implemented. The Nation representatives of the various Students' Associa run various organisations such as STB which give and Instinctive Impluses which at present is m publishing firm. CANTERBURY LINCOLN OTAGO EXECUTIVE EXECUTIVE EXECUTIVE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE Some National Executive Officers (these are usually the constituent Presidents) usually decide after a few weeks back home that they didn't get pissed enough at the last Council and that they'd like to have another go. The solution is a National Executive meeting where everybody can get together and reminisce about the last Council meeting as well as plan for the next one. There are often more personal reasons also. These meetings do also serve the noteworthy purpose of enabling the Association Presidents to question the National Officers as to their performance. OFFICE ts Research Officers etc ) get their orders nd August Councils. Occasionally this Officers and elected or appointed is sit on a number of committees which National Officers cheap air travel of I latent impulse but purports to be a

**Mike Shaskey. NZUSA Education VP.  
appearing to smile.**

**Getting through policy at National  
Commission.**



**Peter McLeod (NZUSA Accountant) chats to AUSA President [*unclear: Gulley*]**

**NZUSA President, Lisa Saksen, and Peter McLeod.**

**Andrew Guest (OUSA Vice-Pres.) Paul Clark (WSU Vice-Pres.) and our own Lindy Cassidy.**

**Steve Underwood makes the Canterbury delegation an offer for their bookshop.**

**Surrounded by Mike Shaskey and David Tripe (both NZUSA), OUSA President Ross White remembers that he has forgotten to put the milk-bottles out.**

**Vic chief delegates Lindy Cassidy and Bruce Robinson.**

## **The Case Against The Fishing Limits**

*The following article is about the moves for a 200-mile fishing zone. It opposes the moves. It was written by James Robb on behalf of the Young Socialists.*

*Next week we hope to publish a critique of this view to clarify and encourage debate on the issue.*

There has been, over the past few months, a concerted press campaign directed against the activities of foreign fishing vessels operating around New Zealand, building support for the proposed 200-mile fishing limit. This campaign naturally has had a strong nationalistic, anti-foreigner (and particularly anti-Russian) flavour. An example is the article headed "Raping Vessel Has Sophisticated Gear" in the Evening Post earlier this year. This article is based on a claim by a Wellington fisherman that "the Russians are raping our Cook Strait terakihi grounds with what appears to be a sophisticated fish tracking device." "There seems to be one law for foreigners and one for the fishermen here making a living" — though he actually admits that the Russian vessel had been fishing outside the international limit. Another example is the interview in Salient, April 13, 1977 with the president of the Wellington Trawlermen's Association, P.J. Stevens — "The Russians are fairly thick-skinned. They know they're going to dominate the world one way or another, and they probably are. . .

Should students support this campaign, and the 200mile fishing limit? The answer is no.

The campaign attempts to win support on the grounds of conservation of fishing resources — this is why so much is made of the 'sophisticated fish tracking device' of the Russians, and the Japanese fine-mesh nets. The argument goes: all we need to do to protect our fishing resources is to get rid of those 'raping' vessels, and hand over the industry to our own responsible fishermen. But this argument does not explain why over-fishing occurs. If conservation is in everyone's interest, as it should be, then why does over-exploitation ever happen?

Over-exploitation is the inevitable result of capitalist markets determining the rate of exploitation. When fluctuations in market prices occur, and the price of a certain kind of fish rises, a swarm of capitalists pours investment into outfitting ships to catch that fish. When the total catch increases and the price drops, the capitalists, are stuck with huge investments. In order not to go bankrupt, they must step up their efforts and further increase the volume of their catch — by overfishing if necessary, as it often is. It is the profit drive of individual capitalists that leads to this over-exploitation. The individual capitalist takes only a small part of the catch. A small increase in the catch of one capitalist will not have a decisive adverse influence on the stock of fish and such a small increase can solve this capitalist's economic problem. Thus, all of these individual capitalists together, each following their own profit drive, combine to increase the catch beyond the reproductive capacity of the fish.

It is inherent in the capitalist system of exploiting resources that over-exploitation will occur. And it must be remembered that this means that New Zealand Capitalists are no Better than Foreign Capitalists. Examples of overfishing by the local industry have already been seen in the Nelson scallop beds. High prices and easy access a few years ago brought a huge increase in the number of boats operating in the area, and already the beds have been dangerously depleted. They are now so depleted that it is uneconomic to continue to exploit them — capitalist over-exploitation has fished itself out of existence. A similar case of plundering high priced resources is the crayfishing in the Chatham Islands.

This is why the 200 mile limit is not a conservation measure. The experience of Iceland, a country with a more highly developed capitalist fishing industry than New Zealand, is relevant here. In 1972, the Icelandic Government extended the territorial waters to a 50-mile limit. Here is what the Fylking, and Icelandic socialist organisation, said about the consequences of this.

"What was the response of the Icelandic capitalists and the Icelandic state? Did they seek to limit fishing? ....No!

*"After the Icelandic capitalists recovered from the 1967-70 slump, they began to invest in the fishing industry. In 1972-74, the capital in Icelandic fishing doubled. But this great increase in investment was not in proportion to the increase in the catch. The volume of the catch rose really only in 1972 and 1974, but in 1974 it did not come up to the level of 1970.*

*"It is pretty clear that the investment of the Icelandic capitalists led only to increased overfishing. The state of the cod banks is especially bad. The catch dropped from 471,000 tons in 1970 to 379,000 tons in 1973, a decline of 20 percent." (Intercontinental Press, January 26, 1976.)*

Even if the purpose of the 200-mile zone were as a conservation measure, it would be inadequate. As P.J. Stevens, agrees, "fish move." They migrate over long distances. For this reason, it is impossible for each country to solve its fish conservation problems individually. Any genuine measure would have to involve the co-operation of all the affected nations. But such co-operation between capitalist nations is impossible, especially in a time of crisis, when all capitalist nations are trying to solve their economic problems, often at the expense of the others.

The only way conservation can be achieved is by a planned economy. The fishing industry as a whole must be planned to prevent the depletion of fish, and to do this it is necessary to reduce the individual capitalists' right to control the fishing done by their own ships — that is, to treat their ships as private property. The incomes of individual fishing operations should be organised so that they are dependent not on the volume of the catch that each brings in, but on the total income of fishing operations. There should be quotas set over wide areas taking into account the migration patterns of the particular species of fish.

Such planning obviously cannot be undertaken within the framework of capitalism — it requires the establishment of a planned, socialist economy. This is the conclusion the Icelandic socialists came to:

*"The working class is the only social force that has the capacity to advance genuine conservation of fish reserves. It is the workers who have a fundamental stake in assuring conservation in this field. The capitalists can solve their immediate problems by overfishing. But it is the workers who will have to contend with unemployment and worse conditions when the consequences of overfishing are felt." (ibid.)*

This is why the campaign for the 200-mile limit should be not just ignored as an ineffective conservation measure, but Actively Ignored—because it is a campaign in support of New Zealand capitalism. And it is why the capitalist press has leapt into this campaign with such enthusiasm "Look at the newspapers, not one dissenting. . . We put a notice in the newspapers. All the newspapers in each main centre dashed down to talk to the fishermen, did a bit of research and came up with articles." (P.J. Stevens in Salient.) Supporting the

200-mile limit means supporting enlarging the navy to police it whose interests will that be defending?

It is not only the capitalist press that has been taking this position, but also groups such as the Campaign Against Foreign Control in New Zealand, groups supposedly fighting for social change. They also call for the 200-mile zone all the more eagerly because they see a good chance to get at the Soviet Union, in line with the propaganda of the Peking regime, which they follow no matter how reactionary.

Just as we should recognise the reasons for the media's support for the New Zealand fishermen's nationalistic frenzy as being an attempt to divert working people from the real issue, we should see the anti-Soviet flavour of the campaign as one directed against a workers' state: it dovetails with the foreign policy of the New Zealand Government, which invariably goes against the interests of the oppressed in New Zealand and world wide.

The Soviet Union is not at the mercy of the capitalist 'free' market system, which is the main driving force of the plunder of the sea. That is why it, like China, has taken a huge step forward, in that over-exploitation is not essential to its economy, whatever the policies of the present Soviet Government may be.

It is the reactionary nationalistic outlook of the Soviet bureaucracy which leads them to ignore the problems of conservation in their exploitation of the sea — the same narrow nationalism that sets the bureaucracy in the People's Republic of China to [unclear: bosily] towards another workers' state.

How is the reactionary nature of the Soviet bureaucracy to be countered? Is it by reasserting capitalist control of the seas resources, as the 200-mile zone would help to do?

The situation is analogous to the New Zealand union movement, where a potentially progressive force is hampered by a bureaucratic and conservative leadership. How is this obstacle to be removed? Certainly not by bringing in the forces of the capitalist stale!

No one has any right to over-exploit fishing resources — neither foreign [unclear: nor] local fishing fleets. But over-exploitation is an inevitable result of the capitalist 'free' market system. The 200-mile fishing zone is a measure to defend New Zealand capitalism. That is why we should oppose it.

*James Robb.*

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## George and I on inflation

Statement to "Salient" by the Communist Party of New Zealand.

The economic and political situation in New Zealand is inseparable from that which faces the capitalist world as a whole. International recession and reaction is matched by internal recession and reaction. Muldoon may cry "victory" over a fractional decline in the rate of inflation. It is, however, rather like a bubonic plague sufferer admiring the removal of a pimple on his chin. The fatal disease is untouched.

Capitalism is in a state of crisis which reflects its decay as a world system. Sixty years ago, Lenin, in his famous pamphlet "Imperialism the Highest Stage of Capitalism," showed the basis for this decay in the fact that the old laissez-faire capitalism in the biggest, developed capitalist countries had given way to modern monopoly capitalism, imperialism; that imperialism was a system of world plunder by the monopolists of a few big capitalist states, a system which, far from doing away with great power rivalries, economic crises, and class and national oppression, only intensified them to a point where it created conditions for the transition to socialism on a world scale and was therefore "the eve of revolution."

In some parts of the world this transition has already taken place, and flourishing socialist states have been created in China and Albania. In others, notably Russia, after a successful socialist revolution, a restoration of capitalism has taken place and a new imperialism exists, social imperialism (socialism in words, imperialism in deeds.) A new ruling bourgeoisie has arisen there, a class of bureaucrats and managers. Despite this retrogression, the general world trend is still towards the further decay and fall of imperialism. In Mao Tsetung's well known phrase, "Revolution is the main trend in the world today."

## Burden Placed on Workers;

New Zealand is moving steadily deeper into recession at the same time and because the world as a whole is doing so. The New Zealand working people are being squeezed, both externally and internally.

It is not news to wage workers that their incomes are steadily falling behind the cost of living. The Muldoons and company declare that because of the recession and inflation "New Zealand" has to accept a lower standard of living. For "New Zealand," read "the wage workers," on whose shoulders the Government is

placing the entire burden of the crisis by means of wage freezes, cuts in social services, excessive taxation increased unemployment etc. etc.

What is the Government? No more than the executive committee of the entire capitalist class, whose dominant section consists of the biggest monopolists.

Drawing of a brick layer

All capitalist governments have been "solving" the crisis in the same way as the Muldoons — at the expense of the workers. But in so doing they only make the crisis deeper, more protracted and more insoluble by forcing down the purchasing power of the masses, thereby making the market problem more acute.

Take New Zealand's balance of payment crisis. The international monopolies which run the enterprises of the countries supplying the bulk of New Zealand's imports can and do effectively impose high monopoly export prices to ensure themselves high monopoly profits. These prices have been increasing rapidly. The same financial oligarchy to which these monopolists belong is also demanding a bigger return on investments in New Zealand (e.g. Comalco,) and higher interest on loans. The monopolists are raising the cost of the so-called "invisibles," the shipping, bank and insurance charges on overseas freights. All of this means a substantial increase in outward payments. To balance such larger outgoings, the return for New Zealand exports has to be substantially increased. But this is not possible because the international monopolies have been cutting mass consumption in their home territories just as in New Zealand. It can be seen then, Why such Crises Simply will not go Away. In fact, present tendencies are for a worsening to take place.

Drawing demonstrating the capitalist crisis

## **Narrowing Market Inevitable.**

Everyone knows that the main pillars of New Zealand's trade are butter, meat, wool and timber products. Except for wool, the market prospects for all these items are bleak.

- The EEC countries have a mountain of butter to shift. They turn a deaf ear to New Zealand claims for preference on the British market. Margarine is also increasing its share of the market. There are evidently no grounds whatever for optimism as to increased returns for butter.
- A similar position faces meat. On the one hand the New Zealand Meat Board has had to step in to buy New Zealand lamb in the United Kingdom to try to hold up its price level. On the other, the market in the United States for beef is still depressed, is subject to quotas and is unlikely to improve in the face of the hostility of the powerful cattlemen's lobby.
- Australia takes almost the entire output of exported newsprint. All indications are now that Australia is going to set up its own newsprint industry. If this should happen then this market too will vanish.

### **CRISIS**

The market situation for New Zealand exports is but a reflection of the anarchy of capitalist production, in which each monopolist or monopoly grouping produces to grab as much as possible of the home or world market while forcing to a minimum the basis of that market — the purchasing power of the masses — in order to get a maximum profit. And underlying this contradiction is the basic contradiction of capitalism, that between the social character of production and the Private character of appropriation. Hence the necessity for socialism.

How does imperialist rivalry stand today some sixty years after Lenin's "Imperialism," and how does it relate to New Zealand?

There is ever-growing contention between the two superpowers for hegemony over other countries, for domination over their resources, for exclusive control of markets, raw materials, places for investment of surplus capital, for the more total integration of these subordinate countries into one or other of the military blocs under superpower control. This contention, in time, is bound to lead to a new war. At the same time, the EEC and Japan are prowling where they can, seeking Their share of the spoils of imperialist plunder.

The monopolies of Lenin's time are now dwarfed by inter-state consortia and the multi-nationals, billionaire gangsters which rake in maximum profits from exploitation of the third world on top of squeezing the last cent out of "their own" workers in the developed countries.

As part of one bloc of plundering imperialist states New Zealand has long been able to get a share of the rake-off through the medium of relatively stable high prices for its farm exports, particularly on the British market. But as we have seen, that day is passing.

## **Tendencies to Fascism.**

When a social system is in decline, when it can already feel the hand of its replacement on the scruff of its neck ready to throw it off the historical stage, then the ruling classes of the old order resort to any and every

foulness in order to hold on to their power, wealth and privileges.

The weapon of the monopoly capitalists in this epoch, used to crush the rising forces of the proletariat and the national liberation movement, is fascism. No capitalist country, however supposedly "civilised" (remember Germany!) is immune from the dangers of fascism being imposed by internal — not external — forces. The Communist International gave fascism in power its classic definition as "the open, terroristic dictatorship of the [unclear: mos] reactionary, most chauvinistic and most imperialist elements of finance capital."

Whenever the working class en masse rejects the disgusting sham of parliament and gravitates towards socialist revolution as happened in pre-war Germany and Italy, for instance, fascism is the typical answer of the ruling class. It is also the means for suppressing opposition to imperialist war and to the preparation for it.

However, right at this time open fascism is not to the advantage of the ruling class in New Zealand. The workers still accept the parliamentary fraud, though with increasing cynicism. But that is not to say that fascist tendencies, "creeping fascism," are not being pushed ahead.

We see such tendencies in the legislation designed to hamstring militant trade unionism (the only sort the boss fears) and to turn trade unions into ciphers. We see them also in regard to the expanded powers of search and arrest handed to the police, ostensibly in connection with drugs, but Usable also for Political Ends. We see them in relation to the new crime of "unlawful assembly," ostensibly aimed at gangs, but Usable also for Political Ends. We see them in systematic police photographing of demonstrators and compilation of dossiers on them for filing in the Wanganui computer centre, a more direct form of political intimidation by the state forces. We see them as well in the so-called "riot control" training given to the armed forces. And we see them plainly in the growth of racism towards the Islanders and other Polynesians, and its use by the ruling class to divide workers..

The Communist Party of New Zealand does not doubt that, as and when the impact of the sharpening crisis of imperialism leads the working class to vigorously take up the revolutionary struggle for its emancipation, the capitalists will resort to increased fascist oppression. But "where there is oppression there is resistance!" Our Party is confident that the workers and their allies will be able to successfully counter the onslaughts of reaction and in due course to rid themselves entirely of that vast parasitic incubus on their backs, the capitalist system.

## Health Service

Drawing of faces in profile

### What's New in Pregnancy Tests?

Baby we've come a long way.

Traditionally diagnosis of pregnancy is based on missed menstrual periods, elevated temperature, feelings of nausea and breast changes. As the pregnancy progresses more visible signs and symptoms develop.

Pregnancy testing has evolved during the past half century from a time consuming, complicated laboratory procedure using expensive test animals into a rapid, relatively inexpensive and convenient technique.

The basis for most pregnancy tests involves the production of human chorionic gonadotropin or HCG by the placenta during pregnancy. It can be detected in blood or urine. In normal pregnancy the production of HCG begins within 48 hours after instantiation, ascends to a peak between 50 and 90 days after the last menstrual period then falls to a lower level throughout the pregnancy and finally ceases 3 - 10 days after delivery.

In 1928 two Germans, Aschheim and Zondek introduced the first biological test. They observed that urine from pregnant women injected into immature female mice caused changes in the ovaries. After repeated injections the test animals were killed 4 - 5 days later and the ovaries examined for evidence of HCG activity.

In 1932 Friedman did the same thing to rabbits and found that an earlier result could be obtained. The rabbits were killed and examined 48 hours later.

In 1941 Frank and Berman used immature female rats. These were killed and the ovaries examined 16 - 24 hours later.

In 1947, the male toad test was introduced. Injections of blood containing HCG caused the appearance of sperm in the toad's urine. The reporting time for the male load test was 1 - 5 hours and the same animals could be used again.

Since 1942 another avenue has been that of hormone tests. Either injected or taken orally, oestrogen-progestogen combinations will induce menstruation in the non-pregnant woman. Because of the suspicion of increased congenital malformation associated with the administration of these hormones during early pregnancy the use of these tests has been discouraged since 1975.

In 1960 the first immunological test carried out in a test tube became available. Immunological tests utilise

antibodies to detect HCG in blood or urine.

In 1962 a similar test was developed which could be done using a drop of urine on a slide. The agglutination of latex particles indicates HCG; This is the basis of the standard urine tests performed today in a doctor's surgery or laboratory. The result can be read in 2 minutes These tests however can only be carried out 10-14 days after a missed period.

The search for tests capable of detecting pregnancy at a much earlier stage continues. A new generation of tests called radioimmunoassays are capable of diagnosing pregnancy prior to or at the time of the first missed period. Instead of using latex particles this method uses HCG labelled with radioisotopes of iodine.

In 1974 a more rapid, one hour test was developed at Cornell called a radio receptor-assay.

## Now the good news!

This type of test is now available in Wellington. It is more expensive. It requires a blood sample, not a urine sample. It will give positive results at the time of the first missed period. It eliminates the long 14 day wait for standard tests to become positive.

## Now for the bad news.

What does the Royal Commission have to say about pregnancy tests? Virtually nothing. In the terms of reference the Commission was expected to deal with "contraceptive matters in all commonly existing and likely forms". This should have included a discussion on new and future techniques for pregnancy diagnosis. The Commission has neglected to do this. Throughout the report the Commission refers to pregnancy diagnosis in terms of the standard urine test which becomes positive at about 14 days after the missed period.

So what? Does it really matter? It unfortunately makes irrelevant much of the discussion on menstrual regulation. The definition of menstrual regulation given on Pg. 414 reads:

*"A term applied to the aspiration of the contents of the uterus when the menstrual period is overdue but before diagnosis of pregnancy is possible "*

The Commission is sadly out of date before publication.

They do however make a vague recommendation regarding pregnancy tests (Pg. 197;)

*"That early pregnancy testing services.... be free of cost and be made widely available."*

The text does not discuss this recommendation so we do not know what it means. What is meant by Early pregnancy tests? Does that include the more expensive radioimmunoassays? Would they be free? And how Widely Available should tests be Through doctors only? Through Hospital Boards? Through chemists? Through mail order? Do-it-yourself tests are available overseas.

None of these issues have been discussed by the Commission. It is ironic that in the same month that technology takes us one step forward, the Royal Commission takes us two steps backwards.

Baby we've still got a long way to go.

Margaret Sparrow

## Drama

### ***Assorted Mythologies***

Knock, Knock.

by Jules Feiffer.

Directed by Ross Jolly, Circa.

'The territory between Shaw and Disney is Feifferland...' says Newsweek, but Circa's Knock, Knock with its ' Wizard of Oz' signature theme and racy dialogue, has little in common with the ponderosities of Shaw, and, from what I saw, a healthy inclination towards Disney.

But far from denying it recommendation, this serves to delight and/or instruct — you have the choice. Here is a production in which you can sit back, and what's more relax, ( often impossible with intellectual enlightenment a director's sole aim ). On the other hand Cohn's ( Grant Tilly ) growth of self-awareness with the death and resurrection of, firstly his friend Abe ( Ken Blackburn ) and secondly a 'spiritual visitor ' Joan of Arc, ( Cathy Downes ), is the moral theme, neatly executed ( and if preferred ignored ) — but never at the expense of a laugh!

The whole structure of the play is heretical. Feiffer brilliantly interchanges the Abel/Cain, Noah's Ark, Ten

Commandments incidents with snippets of Cinderella and Sleeping Beauty, his greatest masterpiece, of manipulation being Joan's life story in which she begins life with two ugly sisters and ends up walking on water. God himself puts in an appearance, alias Wiseman ( Michael Haigh) seen in many guises.

In terms of ensemble playing, the cast of four realize near perfection. Their relationships are clearly defined, and the audience senses the warmth that exudes from a production in which the actors are in harmony.

Each performance is a re-enactment of a stereo-type, Cathy Downes with the additional onus of a personality transformation at the beginning of Act III, differentiating the two Joans sensitively and what's more, accurately.

Tilly and Blackburn are the classic sparring duo, well-cast foils for one another and individually stylish, with Michael Haigh imbuing every appearance with a zaney impetuosity.

But what is so remarkable about this pretentiously unpretentious little piece, is not the sets, effects and costumes, which are all easy enough to perfect, but an atmosphere of involving the audience by experienced playing - truely intimate theatre.

- Elizabeth Ross.

Drawing of a man selling wind-up university graduates

## Varsity Preview

### The Phantom of Liberty - Tues. 24 May, 2.15pm

*"A spectre is haunting Europe — the spectre of Communism. All the powers of old Europe have entered into a holy alliance to exorcise this ghost. Pope and Czar, Metternich and Guizot, French Radicals and German Police spies."*

— The Communist Manifesto.

Luis Bunuel takes the title of his latests film from the opening line of Marx's Communist Manifesto and shocks Europe with another attack on all the old ideas and institutions that have not changed much since Marx's day.

Unlike some of his earlier films the viciousness of this one is not so obvious. Bunuel himself says, " When I was young, surrealism was the most violent artistic movement: We used violence as a weapon against the Establishment. Now society itself has become so violent that it is hard to use violence to make artistic comment. " He now uses a method he describes as " sweet subversion".

A brilliantly entertaining film which has the strength to stand many viewings. In fact one of the few great films ever made.

### The Graduate - Thursday, 26 May, 5.00pm.

Created by the brilliant director, Mike Nichols, and stars Dustin Hoffman in a modern version of ' The Italian Straw Hat'.

A comedy which is also a serious look at society surrounding a university graduate. Particularly relevant to university audiences.

### Vanishing Point - Wed. 25 May, 2.15pm.

A man goes on a car chase with the cops from Detroit to Los Angeles. The film displays the alienation of people under capitalism and the repressive forces of the state. Highly recommended.

## Varsity films till August

June.

July.

August.

Image of a man

DOWNSTAGE DOWNSTAGE From May 26 Shakespeare's LOVE'S LABOUR LOST Anthony Taylor directs a production of this rarely performed early Shakespeare comedy Dinner 6.30 Play 8.15 All bookings 849-639 STUDENT CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE Dinner and Show \$7.50 Mon - Thurs. \$8.50 Fri - Sat. Show only (on floor) \$3.00 Mon - Thurs. \$4.00 Fri - Sat. Show only ( Gallery ) \$2.50 Mon - Thurs. \$3.50 Fri -

## Sport

Drawing of a man playing rugby

The sporting sensation of the last couple of weeks without a doubt concerns cricket. Recently, Mr Kevin Packer of Sydney's TV Channel 9 announced that he had signed up 35 of the world's top cricketers to play in a special series of matches, the first series to be played in Australia this summer

The players were being offered contracts which ensured them payments five to six times greater than they receive at the moment for international play. The series is going to cut across international matches that have already been scheduled by the international cricket authorities. Predictably, the cricket councils of the various cricketing nations have rejected Packer's series outright. Already some of the older players are condemning players such as Tony Greig for joining Packer's group.

Most notable of these is Dennis Compton, former brilliant English test batsman and English international soccer player. He accuses Greig of professionalism and lack of patriotism

These sorts of attitudes are only too typical of the international councils of world sports bodies. While they have 'made' it financially in this world, they are in a position to sit back and enjoy the fruits of 'amateur' sport. Sport in the past was very much the realm of the elite, cricket particularly. In these days of intense competition rising costs and greater recognition of employee rights sportsmen are no longer content to devote longer and longer hours to the perfection of their sporting skills without economic recompense.

## Leg Before Wicket

Although one is not happy in the way which the 'Packer' series of matches has been organised, one only hopes that the international cricket authorities recognise the right that international sportsmen have to improved employee conditions, and conciliation between the two feuding parties can be reached.

In the long run it will be in the interests of both parties to do so. For although the interest in Australia may be initially high for the special series one doesn't expect that the interest, will be maintained over a long period. For it is only cricket on a nation to nation basis that continues to draw crowds. At the same time though, cricketing public aren't turned on by an international test series between teams that don't include the stars.

Now let's have a look back at home. The squad for the New Zealand Rugby League team has been named and last weekend we witnessed the New Zealand Rugby trials for the selection of the All Black team to play the Lions.

I won't bother commenting on the value of trials except to say that those conducted by the Rugby Union and the Rugby League authorities both proved to be unsatisfactory.

In the rugby league trials both star wingers Kevin Fisher and Philip Orchard had to leave the Field with recurring injuries Neither should have had to play in these matches, as both have been recovering from these same injuries in recent months. Generally the fitness shown by all players at these trials was disappointing, and with the World Series starting shortly, the Fitness and attitude of some of New Zealand's top players in this sport seems far from satisfactory.

Now on to the rugby trials at Wanganui. Disappointing play generally with some appalling weaknesses in at least two positions. Obviously full back gives greatest concern. Perhaps Richard Wilson gave the best all-round display except goal-kicking, where he couldn't have been worse. The other full backs on display were no more than adequate in their general play and their goal kicking was very little better than Wilson.

One hopes, though, that the New Zealand selectors choose a specialist full back when it comes time to name a side. Already we have had a disaster when Duncan Robertson was named out of position in South Africa

The other position of real weakness is at second five-eighth. New Zealand has no one with skills of Mike Gibson or even, for that matter, Ian McGeeghan in this position. Ideally a second Five should be able to tackle, kick accurately, pass quickly, capable of making the break, and read the game so as to be able to direct the attack of his backline. Joe Morgan and Lyn Jaffray can both kick, tackle and make the occasional break but there is no one in New Zealand rugby who can transfer the ball along the back line really quickly. The same could be said for First Five although Murray Taylor showed that with development he could display these aspects in his play. As second five, only Mark Taylor showed real ability to beat a man and transfer the ball quickly through the back line but his defence and kicking ability are still untested.

From the trials and on knowledge of the past records of players who didn't play in the trials, I will try and



name a team (knowing full well that the New Zealand selectors will probably take a more conservative approach in their selection.)

- Richard Wilson,
- Bryan Williams, Wings
- Stuart Wilson, Wings
- Bruce Robertson
- Mark Taylor
- Murray Taylor
- Syd Going
- Laurie Knight
- Ian Kirkpatrick, Flankers
- Kevin Lverleigh, Flankers
- Andy Haden
- Frank Oliver
- Brad Johnstone
- Kent Lambert
- Tane Norton

Our Man in the Stands.

## Colin Morris Records Caption Competition

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### This weeks competition

*"What do you mean it will make me go blind? I'm only fiddling with my spare change."*

'Pulle Thotherone'

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## Letters

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*Letters must be double-spaced and written on one side of the paper only. Please keep them concise and short.*

## Abortion.

Dear Sir,

I have been deeply saddened and perplexed in reading Salient's articles on the Commission on Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion's findings. It is a pretty unfair view that says that, just because an independent commission makes a decision which you don't agree with, it must be biased and wrong.

A comment of Lindy Cassidy was disturbing: she said that 'the Commission was stacked by Government with people who are well known for their views against abortion.' Why did she try to mislead the readers of Salient? The statement I quote is (obviously deliberately) ambiguous — but Ms Cassidy clearly implies that the Commission members' views were known to be against abortion at the time of their appointment. What rubbish! Leading members of the then Government — for instance Tizard and Finlay — supported more liberal abortion laws. The Health Minister was drawing the wrath of SPUC for his views. The Prime Minister —Rowling — was determined to take a neutral stand on the issue. How could these men have "stacked" the Commission with anti-abortionists? Surely they chose people with neutral, if not liberal, views? And if the Commission members' views were known to be against abortion at the time, ALRANZ and the other pro-abortion groups would have made an enormous outcry; If we read Ms Cassidy's comment in the alternative way, then she is correct. After hearing mountains of evidence, including lots from pro-abortionists, the Commission decided that, in the light of the evidence, a certain view on abortion was the more correct: the Commission members are thus now "known for their view against abortion." Maybe Ms Cassidy did not mean to be ambiguous, but It seemed clear to me that she was being deliberately misleading. Why?

The tenor of Dr Sparrow's interview indicated the view that what in fact were mere opinions had the strength of being facts.

All three of Salient's articles, as well as the propaganda pinned up all round the Campus, assume that abortion is a simple matter of women's rights. Surely it is a deeper and more complex problem than this. The foetus, as a human being in its first developmental stage, and as a future citizen, does have its rights. Who are we, as women, to negate totally the rights of this future(?) section of society as we struggle for our own rights?

I'm not saying that the panel system will be good necessarily — it could well be a degrading experience if the wrong people were stuck on the panels.

Don't you think that abortion is a terrible thing which must be avoided if at all possible? I do think that ALRANZ and its outspokenness is helping to water down women's values and thus cause them to seek abortion more readily; also a lot of women are seeking abortion now who wouldn't have dreamed of it before. In this way, ALRANZ and co (including, sadly, the Students' Association) have been very successful. But I think abortion is a sad thing which must be deeply thought over. The Commission has thought it over, surely, in a reasonably unbiased way.

Yours faithfully,

Helen.

Dear Sir,

When will students learn that the practice of stating one's case in extremes for the sake of scholastic debate works in the University, but in the real world it leads only to division rather than maturity and progress? Progress lies in the recognition and promotion of moderate positions which enable consensus to be reached.

A prime example of this is the pro-abortion literature currently being circulated by WONAAC. By stating that "The Commission has denied women the right to control their fertility" and by combining the issues of abortion and contraception, they have stated their case in extremes which inhibit consensus and hence progress. The issue of control by women of their own fertility has to be fought on the basis of availability of contraceptives, and education in their use. This fight many of the anti-abortionists would support, leaving the issue of abortion and the value of the life of a foetus for a separate debate. Given adequate access to contraceptives and education in their use, anti-abortion legislation cannot be said to impinge on the right of women to control their own fertility (apart from the one case of rape — where I as an anti-abortionist was also surprised by the report of the Commission.) While the issues of contraception and abortion are put together the pro-abortionists will find that their opposition is far larger than it needs to be.

Drawing of a plane

"An Interested Former Student."

**National Socialists getting started.**

Dear Sir,

I would Like to complain about a fraudulent piece of false advertising which I fell for at then end of last term. Seeing posters all round the union building advertising some guy Deutscher or other speaking about "Australian students fight for a living wage" I decided to go along and listen to what he had to say. I got a bit suspicious when I saw that there weren't any Students' Association representatives round anywhere and I got even more suspicious when I saw that the walls of the Union Hall were covered with posters advertising some National Socialist Conference or something In short I quickly found out that I had been duped. This guy Bronstein or whatever wasn't a representative of Australian students at all, but some Australian mate of these guys that were putting on this Young National Conference or something. It seems that he wasn't in any elected position at all but was merely going to put forward the views of him and his mates, while claiming that he spoke for Australian students. Worse yet, when I went to leave I found that I was trapped by some of these guys trying to sell some "Socialist Reaction" paper or something. Who are these guys anyway.

Not fooled twice.

## **Lost for words.**

Dear David.

Why haven't you printed my letters (i.e. D. Duck & J.C.) are you some sort of degenerate that trips on destroying freedom of speech who are you to decide what should be published or not. God. Every letter submitted no matter how racist or bigoted it may be should be published as that is obviously how the contributor feels, he/she should not be denied the expression of his or her opinions in his/her newspaper. So you'd better pull your finger out of your arse and do your job properly or resign. Salient stinks, most of the letters are boring, dull moans from homosexual pull joys. Most of your degenerate paper is full of communist crap — what's wrong with monopolies. Lastly I heard this morning that Rhodesia has declared war on Zambia, good job, they should wipe out Mozambique and Angola while they're at it.

Unsigned.

## **Sexism shows progress.**

Dear friend,

Drawing of a plane in the clouds

A copy of your issue of 4th April has just come to my notice in which there is a report of a talk I gave to the Women's Study Group in March. First, I had no idea that the talk was going to be reported. Secondly, the report through its false emphasis, distorted the point which I try to put across. It is very easy to sensationalise working-class sexism, especially from the sedate detachment of the academic world. When I described my experiences, I hope to show the positive forces that can be used to overcome sexism. The Longbura' sub-branch had a policy of equality of opportunity lung before I came on the scene — it was in fact a response to the dispute at Whakatu over women on the viscera tables. This received no publicity at the time, nor the fact that women in the now on the viscera tables at Whakatu. I have nothing whatever to do with the growing number of women at freezing works nor the Wellington Branch policy of equality. This policy is a recognition of women in the industry. The undoubted sexism that exists must be balanced against this. My efforts are to fight against sexism by promoting the ideas and feelings that unify men and women. We must not give in to sexism, but we must not exacerbate the bitterness that it inevitably produces. To be dominated by bitterness is defeatist. Your report paints a picture of "bloody men" as if any progress can only be made in the face of their implacable opposition. The conclusions to be drawn from my experience are just the reverse and your report does the struggle for equality no service.

Yours

Vivienne Porzsolt.

## **Who runs the country?**

The Editor,

We see that the young Auckland law student who was granted an injunction against the bus stoppage lost his part-time job at an hotel noted for its working-class patronage. Funny where these types turn up, when not in Nazi-style uniform. Harder belongs in the Pub Service Champagne and in the pub, serving champagne and cracked crab not for him are capitalisms ills to be questioned. With the need to do battle and improve conditions on the job or win a wage rise.

A good question here — who runs the country? As an instance: this hard working office worker sent home for a week, with loss of pay for calling the head clerk 'lazy cow.' No, it didn't happen back in 1877 — it was yesterday. (The writer was there.)

Then there's this worker who was forced to replace the floor over his head (a cottage size place) after a storm — the price \$2,957,73. Where's the wage worker who has that kind of money on hand? Note (the) seventy three cents tacked to this "asking price?" Well it's capitalism isn't it.

F.C.

## **Dechristianising Asia.**

Dear Editor.

Let me express my appreciation of the letter by 'Just an Asian' in the issue of May 16. He was Very right in recognising the fact that the Bible can be used by white colonialists from Europe to propagate imperialism in the 'Third World.' I am not against Christianity as a religion, but let me reiterate that this religion, as far as Asia is concerned had in the past been an instrument of colonialism and is now a well-disguised weapon of neocolonialism and ruthless imperialism of the West. The Christian missionaries in the East practise a new brand of 'divide and rule' and it is time that the undermined people of the East realised this.

I come from a country which successfully checked and evicted Christianity and the horrors of the Holy Inquisition in the 17th century. It is not a surprise that we have ever since never been ruled by the imperialist West.

Let me add one of my extreme views: a good Church in the East is a demolished one.

Yours sincerely,

Majid.

## **Whoever owns the pigs or let the vultures out of their cage — please own up!**

Dear Editor of Salient,

I am writing this letter in an honest attempt to point some subtle but broad diseases in the body of people in

this campus. While universities were founded as institutions to examine the truth about the universe, I believe that we as students today have slipped into a very dark and gloomy ditch from this high calling. I refer more specifically to the wide and blatant contrast between many of our academic and social lives.

While students energetically pursue the exploration of the realms of higher learning in their daytime hours, in their spare hours the cries echo through hostel corridors, library foyers, across cafeteria tables and everywhere a person is blessed to walk — of "Let's go down to the Boozer and get Pissed" or "Let's go down to the Club or to a Party and Pick Up a Bit of Crumpet"

Do such cries come from our budding intellectuals or are they the snorts and grunts of the Makara Valley pigs at feeding time?

Still to be illumined on this issue and feeling the need to find out what kind of disease lies at the core of the matter, I thought that someone, somewhere, somehow might know.

But I guess that until this disease is eradicated or someone, somewhere, somehow lets me know what is going on I will have to face and bear the croak of those cries and the grunt of those animals.

Yours sincerely,

Donald Elley.

## **Another boring letter on Exec honoraria.**

Sirs and Madams.

Drawing of a plane and the comment 'ZOK'

I am disgusted to hear of your pay rise. Being a student of many summers. I have come to know of the corrupt and underhand methods of getting what you want. Many students refuse to take part in your meetings because of the childish and insulting ways they are held. It is obvious from reports and the minutes of the meetings that many resolutions are passed with a minimum of votes. Anything to do with Student Money should be Voted on by all Students. Your "Type" have been very critical in the past of the repressive laws around the world, and conditions here at home, but you are all too ready to "rip off" the student money along with the rest of the capitalist scum in this society. I find it hard to believe that people of your supposed nature would first give excessive increases to already excessive salaries, then in the next breath suggest (?) or have(?) increased the student union fee to \$43.00. However on reflection this is exactly what we have come to expect.

There is also the question of the \$10,000 loan to the book shop. Is this true? If it is true then there should be an investigation into the whole business of student money — who is getting it? why? and how much? A Published report is Salient within 2 weeks of this letter is not requested but Demanded? Furthermore I think in future that anyone who wishes to become a member of the Executive should do so without any salary, grant etc. These positions should be free from the influence of easy money which is definitely the case. To argue that the increases are due to inflation and that they could get better money working part-time is ludicrous, a load of bull-shit, and simply a moronic attitude If they want money go and work for it, don't sit on your arse and steal it from the student purse.

T. Elliot.

## **Not true! We deny it all!**

Dear David,

I would like to complain in the strongest possible terms about your censoring of my contributions to Salient. I have now submitted 5 articles and 15 letters to Salient this year and not one has been printed merely because I have been signing them with other people's names.

Yours etc.

Still trying.

## **This year's best letter.**

Dear David,

I would like to compliment you on the high standard of Salient this year. The articles have all been full of interest and the layout has been of exceptionally high standard. The design, proof-reading, graphics, Photography and captions are without fault. The paper is a pleasure to read.

Drawing of someone holding a lightening bolt

Gyles Beckford.

*(We have reason to believe this letter was not written by our Technical Editor. — Ed.)*

## **Health Service criticism.**

Dear Mr Editor, Sir,

I watch in every edition of Salient an article on the health service. I watch, not read since I don't give a fuck about the health service because I feel that it (or they at the Practice) don't give a fuck about me.

The reason for such an exciting statement is due to an incident earlier this year, my first year at varsity. I took crook and went down to see them one night after my last lecture. I explained that I knew they didn't want to see me since I live in Wellington but that my own G.P. was out of town and because of labs, lectures etc. that I couldn't see one of his partners for at least 3 days. In other words it was better seeing any old fucker now as opposed to seeing another fucker in three days time. I was naturally turned down, excuses were: "It's got something to do with poaching patients," "Why not skip a few labs or lectures and see your C.P.'s partner?" And the best yet: "It's got something to do with professional ethics."

Poaching patients? Crap! Those practitioners at the H.S. don't want to over-work themselves. Skip a ½day of lectures or labs? Come on, not with internal assessment end my I. Q. of 38.

Well they like to call the health service the "Aviary" A fitting title. It's where I would expect to find a bunch of Quacks.

Yours with the greatest of interest for condemning replies.

Medical Intermediate Student.

## **Fighting for peace?**

An open letter to the leaders of the NZUSA.

Lisa Saksen's speech to the Easter Seminar organised by the Campaign Against Nuclear Warships provides yet another illustration that most people think with their feelings, and that democratic leaders find it easy to follow along behind the majority even if they don't already think in the same emotive grooves.

For this, one can't really blame either leaders or membership. History is turning a very sharp corner; and if few can follow it round without skidding, it's only natural that majority decisions tend to reflect the collective picture of individuals who can't make the turn.

After all, the separateness of nations has been preserved for thousands of years by their possessing weapons and being prepared to use them to the full if "necessary". Now, suddenly, the real possibility of an unlivable world confronts us with a stop sign. The technical development of weapons is negating their practical usefulness to us. The traditional security of weapons is turning into its opposite; and in this changed situation our happily grooved emotive attitudes are throwing us all over the place.

Near the end of your President's speech I note the time-worn phrase "a united front against war." Pretty words. And if what you say you are doing — or, at any rate, saying — about it, is likely to have any influence towards actually reversing the tensions between the super-powers, the thing would at least make sense.

What is this tension then? How does it arise, and what feeds it? How often does anyone in the whole peace movement ask questions like these? No, that's not fair. What a spoil-sport I must seem! "Bashing the nuclear" is much more pleasant than the, effort of rational thinking; and "winning the fight for peace" so much more glorious.

We want the cosy feeling of security that has all through history been associated with weapons, (e.g., "Come the four corners of the world in arms, and we will smite them. . .") And we don't want the feelings of insecurity that we rightly associate with nuclear disaster So, if we "think" about it at all, we find good reasons to accept the one and reject the other.

This is the emotive basis for the nuclear disarmament movement, which pictures nuclear powers agreeing to forego their most effective weapons while still retaining the capacity — and the "right" — to make war with conventional weapons. What a dream! With the root causes of war still untouched, and (as correctly noted in the NZUSA's President's speech) the third World War getting closer and closer, suppose that it did begin with conventional weapons only. In the clamp-down of secrecy, wouldn't each side immediately have to re-assemble their nuclear weapons — In case the other side had done so? And then the whole thing would be back to square one — and too late for any real thinking.

I find it curious that your President's speech makes no reference to nuclear disarmament; but I get the impression that this is not because of any realisation of how emotive thinking can run away with practical judgement. The NZUSA seems to have set its sights lower than even this wish-fulfilment picture of nuclear disarmament. "Keep the nuclear stuff away from our parochial shores," seems to be the line, "but leave this whole-world problem to others with wider horizons." And when the crunch comes, of actual war? Well, that's not pleasant to think about either, so don't lets.

"There is a path away from this awful danger," gays Lisa Sacksen. All right. Suppose for a moment that all her "musts" have been achieved. New Zealand has withdrawn from the American Alliance; broken free from "foreign imperialism;" paid back in the course of Just a few years the how many millions of dollars borrowed by National and Labour governments; and a nuclear weapons free zone has been duly established in the South Pacific.

All this is only the smallest flea-bite towards actually preventing a third World War. And if a super-power war-becomes imminent, does anyone really believe that the military of both sides wouldn't put their submarines exactly where they wanted them, nuclear free zone or not? Or again, if a nuclear exchange in, say, the northern hemisphere has decisively fouled the earth's atmosphere with long-term radio-activity, will the nuclear free zoners undertake to line the coast and huff the deadly stuff out to sea again? The rainbow thinking of these people would be laughable if it were not such a tragic waste of energy and leadership.

The thing is, that governments are caught on the hop by the changed world set-up just as much as the student body seems to be. Their particular stereotype, that "weapons represent security," and the follow-up that you have to have the best weapons you can afford. The principle, too, that democratic governments listen to the advice of their military advisors. A majority of electors who voted them into office expect them to do just that. What else can they do?

Drawing of a man writing

It's pleasanter to have enemies. If governments, and their acceptance of nuclear warships, are "bad", then one can feel good by contrast. But it cuts you off from seeing them as a collection of sincere individuals trying to lead this separate bit of our fragmented world through the confusing circumstances of a completely unprecedented world situation. If they happen to follow the attitudes of the majority who voted them, isn't that exactly what you student leaders are doing?

Isn't it, in fact, a characteristic of emotive thinking through the whole peace movement that the simplest and most unthinking answer to the nuclear situation will be likely to gain the widest support? So the main stream of the movement has settled for "bash the nuclear," fight the government, and "let it happen somewhere else but not here."

If World War 3 is allowed to happen, none of these issues will matter a scrap.

The sight of a rainbow is more pleasant than the rain which it is. It can't be too strongly emphasised that nuclear disarmament and the nuclear free zone idea are peace time pastimes that would vanish in the event of actual war. Neither of these propositions represent any real security whatever. Students surely have a responsibility to lead something more solid than that.

How then can we come to grips with this emotive thinking and make progress beyond it? By its very nature it leads an individual into a region of blind spots and mirages of self-deception — which in turn are fast becoming compacted and reinforced by group loyalties. It seems clear to me that some sort of team effort is going to be necessary; and any student who is seriously concerned about the lack of reality in this war-or-peace thing is asked to be in touch with Peace Interchange, P.O. Box 93, Whangarei. It's a sort of explorers' club. There's no charge (at present), but it carries no passengers.

Dick Southon.

## A new breed of apathetes.

Dear Sir/Madame/David,

This great masterpiece would have remained lost to the world had it not been for the valiant efforts of P.O. Glubsrotum, editor of the St Cleves Literary and Garden Review where the M.S. was found buried. The author now resides at Lake Alice where he protests his sanity ("I'm not Insane! I can prove it! Look I've slashed my wrist.") and moans quietly in Welsh.

To Whom It May, Or May Not Concern. It was brought to my attention some time ago (hours? minutes? months? days? irrelevant really) that there existed (or did not exist) a Thorndon Apathy League. It occurred to someone (it could even be me) that this is a direct breach of the 1st Apathy Act, scene II. N.B. Thou shalt not be apathetic unless by

- Failing to Join Apathy division of Lapp Goch League and
- Not failing to Join any other organisation claiming to be apathetes.

As non-members of the T.A.L. obviously fail the second requirement they cannot be considered true apathetes. For those louse-infested dung worshippers who doubt my word this is DOGMA (Paper Bull) authorized from the highest authority (Pge 879 J.E. Giscins Dictum on Ornothological Ontology; Pub 1921. Pge 71989 Leopards Boys Book of Adventure Vol III or lurking somewhere in Janes Book of Ships.)

TAL non-participants can redeem their sins honorably in one way; that is battle, yes! We (us L. G. Apathy League) take the (probably) unprecedented step of challenging (or not challenging) the TAL to indifference (or anything else) at 60 yards (or any other distance) at Parliament (or anywhere else) April 3rd 3a.m. (or any other time.) If any person turns up they (and their side) will immediately be disqualified for failing to default.

As a point of disinterest Lapp Goch Apathetes have recently defeated Australian apathetes (no mean feat) in the great tea battle of mid yawn by unintensive contemplation of the naval.

By now some gross nitpicking pile of aadvarks dung has 'wittily' commented that no true apathete would bother to write to Salient and while this can obviously apply to all other self-proclaimed apathetes it cannot apply to the writer of this letter (possibly me but you never can tell) for 4 reasons.

- I have to write a million word essay on the mating habits of Icelandic flatfish for ray Neuro-Theology Tutor the late Prof A.B. Gltschnge D.D. (Doctor of Doctorates) and this a good way of passing time.
- No one reads this socialist guff anywhere
- I am certified insane (I think)
- Who cares?

Yours Insincerely

His rustic Highness Sir Timothy Belacqua-Thwarke (MR) H.C.E.

Field Marshall 1st Irish Kings

General 2nd Welsh Apathetes

Major 3rd Gaul Stones

Captain Last Great War

Right and Legal Sovereign of a Cottage in

Ireland (God Knows Where)

Whom May God Preserve (If He Wishes.)

P.S. If you wish to not join LGL Apathy division don't call us we'll call you.

Dear Scum of the Earth.

At 1a.m. this Wednesday morning I was making passionate love to a very dear girl whose name escapes me at the moment. At 1.05 I was interrupted by a telephone call. It turned out to be an urgent message from one of my friends who didn't fail his exams too badly and is surprisingly still at varsity. He informed me that something had dared to write to your bloody brilliant (ha) literary journal and pose as a member of the Thorndon Apathy League.



Who is this shit-covered version of Einstein? If this Japanese made imitation dares to show itself it will be eliminated by the members of the Thorndon Apathy League which it now known as the all new, totally original, improved Thorndon Anarchy League.

Though I am no longer at the V.U.W. bullshit factory I refuse to have our organisation exploited by hebephrenic schizophrenics.

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Regards.Cyril Martin BumtrinketI/c Explosives Dept.Thorndon Anarchy League.

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