

International Students Congress

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Editorial

Nothing like acquiring a TV to make you appreciate what's going on in the country. As I sat watching Days of Our Lives last week, the soul searing torment of the dialogue was interrupted by a commercial break. In the commercials, sandwiched between Mac-leans flouride and Signal's strips of flouride, a fresh-faced young woman, explained that the solution to New Zealand's economic problems was "we must export more". Workers were told to do their job "once and do it well" and "if this sounds tough - it is".

While the solution "increase exports" is hardly an original, or particularly contentious solution to our balance of payments deficit, the thrust of the advertising is interesting. It is the workers who are asked to get in behind this great drive. Presumably what is being asked of them is that they increase their productivity.

When workers increase their productivity, one of two things happens. What usually happens, unless the company is vigorously expanding, as few are at present, is that the size of the labour force is reduced and layoffs occur. Here increased productivity is at the expense of unemployment and at the same time allows the owners to reap the benefits of increased productivity as the wages bill drops but the production level remains constant.

If the extra products are able to be sold, which is implicit in the advertisement, who derives the benefit? Again it is the owners who benefit. This time the wages bill is static, but sales increase.

In either situation, it is easy to see who really benefits from workers doing it once and doing it well - not the workers, not even New Zealanders generally, but rather that small group which own the businesses.

The workers are encouraged to believe that to increase their productivity is to benefit their country. The harsh reality is that they increase their productivity from fear of losing their jobs.

This is not to deny that, if exports were increased, eventually New Zealand as a whole would benefit, as we would be able to pay for our imports. But the route proposed is one which will firstly line the pockets of the capitalists and only secondarily solve some of New Zealand economic problems.

Yet it is easy to see why this route is proposed. In a capitalist country, the Government is limited in the measures it can adopt to stimulate the economy. Invariably this necessitates putting more money in the hands of the capitalists, so they can invest more and the money / investment cycle can proceed with more vigour. Clearly this is a subsidiary effect of these suggestions.

There is another aspect to the question as well. Even when times are good the people who really benefit are the bosses. To be sure in these times workers do not face rampant unemployment, the removal of the subsidies on essential items, loss of [unclear: overti] that is also often essential and they see their wages keep more regular pace with inflation - they are better off than in bad times. Nevertheless the big profits, the real money, goes to the capitalists.

But in bad times, is it the capitalists, who live on the fat of the land in good times, who suffer? No! When times get bad we are told that the only way to make them better is to ensure that the capitalists continue to make money. The way they make these "necessary" profits is by exploiting the workers even harder.

This exploitation, which has continued right through the economic crisis, has taken the form of constantly reducing the value of the workers' wages, and making layoffs and other hardships so common-place they hardly seem newsworthy. Now to cap it all off, workers are being asked to encourage this process. Where once they were raped, workers are now being asked to open their legs and lift their dresses up to make it ea-sir and then say thank you when it's over.

Peter Beach

JOE SPUTNIK AND THE MYSTERY OF..... EPISODE 8IGHT RAVIOLIS FAT BOLLINGER Here We are! Stunk out in a desert with no food no water and a mystery as big as an elephant's elbow! it's a good thing you've stopped blowing thing up where - ever we go! Those explosions could have got us in to no end of trouble in a place like this! Stop a minute! what's that hissing noise? I know it's coming from around here somewhere. No. It seems to have stipped. AT THAT MOMENT. CONTINUED..

President

Oh dear, more blurb.....

The bursaries march on April 11th, before Easter was a great success and a large measure of thanks for this should go to Geoff Adams, the Education Officer, who did a lot of the essential work preparing for the march behind the scenes. The success of the bursaries campaign to date has also been due to the fact that many students did not just sit back and do nothing, but were prepared to help in jobs such as handing out leaflets etc. One group even set up a stall downtown. Students also turned up in some numbers to the march itself even though it was pouring with rain.

Hopefully this series of events will mark a turning point; at least now people are seen to be prepared to back up their own association (\$43) on what is after all a basic welfare issue of direct concern to students at large.

Of course a bursaries march is not the only way to pursue the problems of financial support for students, and VUWSA will be following up with further different forms of action for the rest of the year.

SRC; and we had the elections for people to represent VUWSA (i.e. you) at May Council of NZUSA. I will not be going. SRC chose to ignore the fact that I was elected President last year and instead chose one of the people who I defeated quite decisively in the election last year to represent you as one of the chief delegates. It would be fair to say that the majority of the rest of the delegates elected were of the usual politico character from that bastion of student opinion - the so-called 'Progressive' Students Alliance. Obviously there is a question to be asked; who should represent you at May Council? Those elected towards the end of a thinly attended SRC meeting of politico's or those who have substantial common electoral backing in the previous year's elections? Surely if someone is lucky / unfortunate enough to get elected by a simple majority to a key position-in the Association, then due recognition of that fact should be forthcoming. As it stands, people who last year were rejected by those of you who voted at the election have now been 'elected' by an SRC representing a small sectarian sector of opinion to purportedly represent you at May Council of NZUSA. It is up to students to pay due notice to these anomalies in their own association which after all they do pay \$43.00; - or is so called "democracy" (aborted) to continue?

As far as NZUSA itself is concerned; a bit of a crisis seems to be looming on the horizon. Canterbury after a series of General Meetings has voted to continue their projected withdrawal from NZUSA (your national union) for the time being. A [unclear: bin] ding referendum on the issue has again [unclear: bed] called for. Last year Canterbury students voted conclusively to withdraw in such a referendum. We need a national union to represent us on key student welfare issues at national level. Yet NZUSA is in danger Why is this? — In the past two years a [unclear: lard] body of students have expressed discontent with NZUSA and its policies, which seem to be in many cases to be rather irrelevant to most students.

It has been demonstrated that this sentiment not only exists at Canterbury but also on other campuses. The problem really boils down to the individual campuses —Vic' included. The question of policies which alienate students will again be considered at the special general meeting next term. Come along and have your say on the role of the association then — it is your \$4 and how you are represented, which are the issues at stake.

At May Council also, it is likely that at least 3 constituent associations of NZUSA will move to wind up student travel [unclear: bureai] Ltd. This is because they presumably have no confidence in the future of the [unclear: comp] and in at least two cases they feel that the debts of STB Ltd should be paid out of the surplus on the student travel card (ISIC)

Last year's Victoria executive decided to guarantee a pro rata share of a \$125,000 overdraft facility to keep STB Ltd [unclear: opera] Some constituents are refusing to give such a guarantee, so May Council should prove to be interesting.

I hope you have an enjoyable May [unclear: hoi] and don't work too hard - Take Part [unclear: in] Capping Week.

Andrew Tees

Ravioli Father comic

Salient Notes

At dawn, Monday, a forlorn, hunched shoulders, hands-plunged-into-pockets, cleaving-trenches-in-the-footpath-from-dragging-feet looking character could be seen [*unclear*: ententing] the University. Above his head, a sad little shadow, we follow our poor friend (sniff) as he shuffles up to the door of Salient, fumbles in his drab coat pocket (sob), turns the key in the lock, shoos away the persistent wee cloud and slips inside (catch in the throat and gulp). His name was Peter "no Salient for three weeks" Beach. His life's work; the editorship of our worthy newspaper.

Four days later the wee shadow has grown to form a dense, black shroud engulfing the whole building. So despairingly gloomy is its presence that inside, the occupants are forced to sling their long mouths over their shoulders to prevent them dragging in the muddy pools of tears. A deathly hush has crept in except for the occasional rattle in Lorraine Wilson's chest as she practices her dying breaths under the light table. Victoria Quade grips her legs comfortably and sibs agonizingly into Richard Riddiford's fairisle jumper. "He's been locked in there since Monday". Kathryn Fleming whispers to Helen Aikman of our dear editor Peter Beach. "Someone told me he's been drinking rather heavily", is the concerned reply from Rire Scotney. And "1089" they sigh in unison as they flick another tear from each other's eye.

Clang!! *%\$&+¾'*** Geoff Adams has been trying to put up his fifth layer of Venetian blinds to keep out the light.

"Sssshhh". hisses Lewis Holden, but it doesn't matter. Geoff can't hear him as he lies, stunned; the muscular spasms getter feebler, feebler..... "Shall we put him out of his misery?", queries Mark Wilson and Graeme Robertson in unison. "No", say Leonie Morris, "He's miserable enough anyway". A flash of the torchlight towards the corner reveals a heart-rending sight. Kris Molloy, Robyn Wood and Virginia Adams dressed all in black, wrapped in each other's arms, away to the dirge coming through their headphones. The coursing of tears down their grief-wracked bodies produce a strange glistening.

"Hi Ho Hi Ho it's off to work....." mumbles Simon Wilson as he walks under Nigel Parry's chair on his way to finish his article on 'graves, coffins, and 10 painless ways to jump into them'. The weight of all the pervading sense of foreboding has reduced his height to a mere 15 inches. Not mat he minds — except when the office dog Bonza belches into his ear, to the delight of David Murray and Kathleen Gallagher. "That'll cut him down to size" they whisper maliciously.

Stephen A'Court stoops intently over Andrew Beach's inert body on the editor's sofa. Cheeks sucked in concentration, he applies another mask of hot bull gum to the poor wee lad's tear-ravaged visage, in an attempt to restore it to somethings of its former delicate shaping. Andrew wakes up, says "Swain" and politely becomes inert again.

Not anywhere could even the sharpest eye detect the faintest glimmer of hope. Depression and devastation have permeated every nook, every cranny. Woebegoneness reigns supreme.....

"Where is this leading? you ask. "Fuck, where Is It leading?" asks Chris Conway and Alan McArthur, firmly united on this question. I don't know but it was fun while it lasted and we're all going to have a ripper holiday anyway. Hope you do too.

Salient is edited by Peter Beach - It will not be coming out in three weeks time, which will leave the editor in a quandary. Not for 1,979 years will anyone have been so hung up about the May holiday. It is published by the Victoria University of Wellington Students Association and printed by the Wanganui Chocolate Egg factory, Drews Avenue, Wanganui.

Bottom of the Week

[*unclear*: Trog] la Dite Apathy

[*unclear*: is] common in these times to chastise [*unclear*: be] for being apathetic. I am tired of [*unclear*: ing] this criticism and usually take no [*unclear*: that] of it nor bother myself to refute it should I sacrifice my own tranquility [*unclear*: uafe] the gnawing discontent of those seek to provoke me into their [*unclear*: unhaptate?] Yet, I see such misery and con[*unclear*: tain] their faces that I will take it upon [*unclear*: rlf] to suffer a few thoughts to [*unclear*: demone] how apathy might bring us all into [*unclear*: opier] state.

[*unclear*: it] trust my apathetic brothers and [*unclear*: sister] have had the sense not to read this [*unclear*: aranged] and I urge you readers who have [*unclear*: similinations] to abandon it now. For [*unclear*: c] of you who insist on inflicting such [*unclear*: is] on yourselves by continuing reading [*unclear*: pe] to persuade you of your grave folly.)

This rotten world is beset by [*unclear*: insurmouni] problems. There is crime in our streets, [*unclear*: rery] in our Parliament, debauchery in [*unclear*: supermarkets] and we waste under the [*unclear*: shares] of a

mushroom cloud. With each [unclear: problem] come multitudinous prophets and [unclear: polins], each proclaiming the virtues of his panacea and making vehement demands [unclear: he] most paltry concerns. Compare these [unclear: litous] schemers with those branded by [unclear: social] as slothful idlers - the apathetic. Are [unclear: pathetic] ever the cause of the strife that [unclear: les] this earth? Long suffering souls, the [unclear: ts] of a constant torrent of invective; they remain aloof from ephemeral [unclear: ines] but this should they not be lauded [unclear: or] than condemned?

[unclear: oes] not futility thwart us at every turn? [unclear: rades], lay down your arms, from your [unclear: is] there is only one escape; ignore them by lapsing into complete apathy might worlds evils decay - submerged in a slough difference.

[unclear: istory] hath provided us with many precedents in defence of apathy. In [unclear: lawn] of time Mr Trog la Dite saw dino-[unclear: i] somersaulting down a hill and nearly [unclear: vered] the wheel but thought better of [unclear: cause] he had no interest in travelling, [unclear: ng] onward into the time of our Lord, [unclear: isherman] Samuel Eliiah declined an invitation to the Last Supper and thereby prevented his name being calumnanated in the chronicles of mankind. Witness Vladimer Mackliolavich who spent the whole of 1917 asleep in a cupboard in the Kremlin and consequently was never bothered by his relatives again.

As history provides many fine examples in support of apathy, so too does nature. Moreover, nature is esteemed a most worthy teacher and to this end I have occasionally visited the zoo to watch the animals which man has most humanely delivered from their unnatural state. I love to watch the lions and the tigers indifferently sprawled in a inert heap for hour upon hour. Although one may cast projectiles at them or gesticulate in most uncommon manner they take little notice, they exude supreme apathy and could teach us much. In fact at home I practice casting myself down on the carpet after their manner while making expressionless faces at myself in the mirror.

O life, where is thy sting?"

Apathy is a healthy state reflecting true harmony and communion with nature. Furthermore, who can say that they have never fed on the ambrosial delights that apathy is mother of; who has not savoured that delectable languor that prompts sleep, who has not thumbed their noses at toil, and reveled in days of indolence, who does not fond a commodious armchair or sofa a far more agreeable companion than many an active acquaintance, and who has not relished that exquisite ennui precipitated by hearing a politician speak or even reading Salient, (watch it - ed!)

Total apathy is not a state that is easily worked towards and I mean to give you some instruction on how best to lapse into this state. Ideally, one should lay in bed the whole day reclining in a supine position, dexterously evoding any superfluous movement. In this manner the senses are soon sufficiently anesthetized leaving the student free to drift forever in oblivion. If the reader is having difficulty achieving this state I recommend a good solid eight hours television viewing which never fails to render one totally insensible. Indeed television is an apathetic man's least tiresome friend and used consistently may plunge one into that elusive state of ecstatic torpor which the true disciple so listlessly seeks.

Apathy once taken root in the national unconscious will soon grow and blossom to bear the fruit of serene tranquility. The fruit once eaten will nurture a burgeoning lethargy that will envelop even those warmongers, stirrers, and other creatures with such detestable energy. Then shall we subside into sublime indifference and then come what may who will care.

Richard Riddiford and Lewis Holden

\$10,000 in Six Weeks

Students will be pleased to know that while they wait in dire poverty for bursary to be paid out, their \$650,000 is being put to good use.

The money, paid by the Government to the university in early April, is invested on a daily basis in an unnamed market for the two weeks before it reaches your hands.

A Wellington investment company estimates that such an investment could earn more than \$2,600.

So what is it being used for? Mr Williams, Victoria University accountant, says that it is not used for anything specific but just becomes part of "general income"

The Same procedure is followed for the next three bursary payments, so in effect the university could be earning more than \$10,000 from your bursary.

And while the university is busy making students' money work for them, many students are finding economic pressure too great.

While some are able to get loans, others have had to drop out of full-time courses to find jobs. And there is no possibility of receiving even a portion of their money before the date set by university bureaucracy.

[unclear: Notices]

Club

[unclear: ping] Extravaganza" Hop to one of [unclear: Welln's] top bands. Full bar facilities. Watch [unclear: boards] for details.

[unclear: sday] 26 April in the Cafeteria, from 9pm [unclear: m].

[unclear: Ori] Action Song Club

[unclear: ing] on Monday 23 April at 5.30 in Union [unclear: the] welcome!

[unclear: Amping] Club

[unclear: remiere] social [unclear: sent] of the year will take on Tuesday 24 April at 8.00pm in the [unclear: e] Lounge.

will be drunk, slides shown, a mystery [unclear: er] will speak and gossip exchanged. There-[unclear: ring] a bottle or wine and slides from Eas-any other trip.

[unclear: we] have any gear from the Easter Trip [unclear: s] return it pronto to Easterfield 319.

[unclear: I] Injured

[unclear: leysian] girl, Sim Wah Sean met with an [unclear: lent] in Dunedin recently. She was seriously [unclear: and]. There is going to be a fund raising cam-[unclear: i] in Wellington. The fund is intended to [unclear: her] general expenses. Donations are very [unclear: on] welcome and can be forwarded to:

[unclear: dent] WMSSA ph 856-776

[unclear: MSA,] P.O. Box 6041. Dunedin

All Trade Unionists Hate Men?

[unclear: nar] on women and trade unionism.

[unclear: Date]: 29 April 2-5 pm

[unclear: Place]: "Crossways" - Mt Victoria Community Centre, Cnr Elizabeth and Brougham St's.

[unclear: sed] by Working Women's Alliance, [unclear: come].

Gay University Group

We are holding our next social evening on Sunday 29/4/79 at 8 pm.

All gay students, male or female, are most welcome.

For information ring Ken: 721167

Trevor: 862449

Chemistry Society

Thanks to all those who helped to make the ChemSoc Party an evening to remember. The committee hopes that no-one was disappointed with the bill of fare, and that any outstanding beakers will be returned promptly

Apology

The Gremlins struck again in Salient last issue. The error was in Lawrence Law's letter "Spelling it out" where there was an accidental deletion in the third paragraph, the latter half of which should have read "...by aptly entitling it "A Christians's Comment". But what Tan did not know was the fact that the very title "A Christian's Comment" was given by me mainly for clarifying my stand - ie I am a Christian....."

Salient apologises for the error.

Union Catering Operation

Restaurant Opening Hours

11.30 am — 1.30 pm Mood - Frid.

4.30 pm — 7.00 pm Mond - Thurs.

Menu

Lunch Time

Toasted Sandwiches, Hamburgers, Pizzas, Sandwiches, rolls, cakes etc.

Dinner

Steaks, Schnitzel, Sausages, Meal of the day, Salads, etc.

Patronize your restaurant. Food is delicious and reasonably prices.

International Evening

The Progressive Students Alliance and the National Overseas Student Action Committee invite all local and overseas students to a social evening on Tuesday, 24th April in the Victoria University Tennis Pavillion (opposite Jahn Reid squash courts). The evening will start at 7.30 with a short speech by Lindy Cassidy on the Asian Students Association, followed by some Thai, Malay and Fijian cultural items, followed by a delicious international supper.

All welcome!!!

A Victorious Capping Cont Roller

It will by now have dawned on some of you that this week is capping week. Your lectures will have been graced with the presence of Her Royal Majesty, Queen Victoria University of Wellington, along with Paul Norman the capping controller.

Many first year students, and a great many second years, will be under the mistaken impression that Capping week is only for the lucky individuals who have managed to obtain a degree. This is not the case, the drinking horn, chunder mile, and Strauss Ball is for everyone, especially those who have entered these hallowed halls of learning for the first time.

The highlight of this year's capping activities apart from the raft race, chunder mile, capping stunts (and this year we have some crackers), will undoubtedly be the Capping Ball. Not only have the local press already shown an interest the reaction from students has been fabulous. Professor David Farchuar, of the Music Department, will conduct the Victoria University Music Society Orchestra and Good cooking, led by Russel Good will provide the lighter musical entertainment.

The ball represents an attempt to revert to the old style capping tradition, which we hope will be continued in future years. I hope to see you all participating in all the events revolving around capping, and remember that a lot of people have put much time and care into organizing these events for You.

Yours

Michael Carr-Gregg

Cultural Affairs Officer

Asian Student News Subscription

The *Asian Student News* is the official publication of the Asian Students Association, a federation of all National Student Unions in Asia. The *Asian Student News* projects the student viewpoint on current Student involvement in their struggles for a new and more just Society in Asia.

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SRC: Winter Sets in

Last Wednesday, the sun was shining, the birds were singing and a cool breeze was wafting over the green hills of Wellington. Aghast and horrified, I bundled myself into a duffle coat and rushed for the darkest, smokiest recesses of the Union Building - the Union Hall.. To my consternation I found myself in the middle of an SRC.

Barely visible through the hail of darts, Paul Norman was regaling us with tales of things to come. Apparently capping is upon us, and Paul is seeking people to do ridiculous things. Just when he was in full flight, the programme was interrupted for a word from our sponsors. Despite efforts to cut down the number of these commercials, it has proved impossible to remove one or two of these tiresome affairs, such as reports, motions and such like. And it was reports which interrupted Paul's flight of fancy.

However these usually staid affairs took on a new aspect, charged with emotion and drama. Just after Geoff Adams had presented his report on the Bursarys March, Debra Montgomery leapt up and proposed a motion thanking Geoff for the valuable work he did, and recognising that without his dedication, the March would not have been the success that it was.

Speaking to the motion, Debra said that the lack of support many members of the Exec gave to this and other campaigns was terrible. All they were prepared to do was rush around carrying megaphones and banners, taking all the lime light without doing the hard work that went into organising the march. Obviously a case of not putting their shovels where their mouths are. The motion was, of course, passed. 'Aw shucks," blubbered Geoff, "I didn't know you cared..... I don't know what to say..." His body wracked with sobs, he was gently led back to his chair, where he wept into a handkerchief for the rest of the meeting.

Chairman Tees, his firm hand guiding the meeting, decided we might as well hear a few more motions. Peni Lomaloma zoomed to the front, and requested we give \$100 to the Fiji Clubs Hurricane relief fund. After giving a moving and excellent speech, the motion was passed like a shot.

Enter Laurel and Hardy

Never slow to sense money in the air, Phil Sowman and Gerard Winter then presented a humble petition for two one way fares to Christchurch. It goes like this, you see. UCSA has invited Vic to send two representatives to their chunder mile. Perhaps justifiably, Phil and Gerard felt they would be our best representatives at this hallowed occasion. While no-one at the meeting had any objection to the tickets being one way, it was wondered why we had to pay for then After all, the sports council has quite a large budget, and Phil has one or two contacts there.

In a cunning flanking move, Phil and Gerard (hereafter referred to as P and G) explained that this was a wonderful opportunity to further our cultural heritage, and provide us with a chance to broaden our outlook and gain an understanding of our fellow students in the provinces. "Fie", "Boo" and "Hiss" screamed the masses. "You bounders" exclaimed P and G, "We'll get you back". And so they did. It's like this, you see.

Elections for NZUSA Council

We had to elect our representatives for May Council, that august occasion when Interested Persons from all the universities gather to sort out NZUSA policy. First up was Chief Delegate (2 positions) Standing for this were Simon Wilson, Caroline Massof, Andrew Tees and P and G. First to speak was Simon (a rugged young newly-wed who lists his hobbies as model planes, origami and under water basket weaving). Being an active lad, he has already been to two councils - he was chief delegate last August.

Photo of Andrew Tees

Photo of Simon Wilson

Photo of Phil Sowman and Gerard Winter

Photo of Caroline Massof

From left to right and down: Andrew Tees, Simon Wilson, Phil Sowman and Gerard Winter (firmly united)

and Caraline Massof.

A chief delegate must have experience of the working of council, and must have a full knowledge of the policy of VUWSA. More than this, s/he must be dedicated to the [unclear: spiect] of this policy. Simon certainly fulfills the first two criterion, and claimed that he would satisfy the third as well.

Down he sat and up bounded Caroline, who basically repeated what Simon had said. Caroline has been to two councils as Womens Rights delegate and is currently Women VP of VUWSA. To tumultous applause she returned to her seat, and the game came round to Andrew. Andrew explained that he has an excellent knowledge of Vic policy and the the workings of NZUSA. He has, however, never been to a council, and came in for a lot of fire at question time.

Paul Norman, resurrected as a steely eyed robber baron, led the attack. "Bah" he sneered twirling his moustache and brandishing a rapier, "How can you pretend to represent the policy of VUWSA when at the AGM you actively opposed existing policy, and have in the past attempted to hinder the execution of said policy" Andrew leapt for Paul's throat, in passing accusing his fellow Exec members of just about every sin short of sodomy.

Tees Defeated

Suavely filling the ensuing empty space behind the podium, P and G explained why they should go to council. Their reasons were very compelling. They wanted to get to Christchurch one way or another, and this presented a nice chance. Besides, Gerard wants to "fuck up NZUSA". After forcibly ejecting P and G from the room, we were able to vote on the position. Simon and Caroline were quite convincingly returned as delegates, and we zoomed on to the next contest.

This was Finance and [unclear: Administra] for which Peter Beach. Peter Edward rew Tees, and P and G were standing [unclear: tor] Edwards is this year's treasurer of [unclear: new] and therefore has some knowledge of finances. Blow me down if Peter [unclear: Bea] produce a coherent, audible speech [unclear: with] nearly everyone understood. Vastly [unclear: in ressed], the dumbfounded audience [unclear: efe] Peter and Peter their delegates.

Undeterred, P and G prepared their campaign which was for the position [unclear: on] cation delegate. Standing for this, as [unclear: known] as you-know who, was Geoff Adams [unclear: and] Kathryn Fleming. Geoff slowed his [unclear: th] hing display of emotion to say that [unclear: he] Education Officer, and if he was not [unclear: el] he would bash our heads in. Quick to up the offensive, Kathryn said that [unclear: although] she was only a second year student she very strong, and anyway, she has been vious councils and is very concerned [unclear: ab] education. "Wow" we said, "They're [unclear: for] us." and so they were.

Hell set on going to Christchurch, [unclear: p] G decided to contest the position of [unclear: in] national Affairs delegates. Their [unclear: unfof] opponents were Leonie Morris and [unclear: Rg] Wood, who were, despite the strength a convincing arguments of their [unclear: opposite] duly elected.

"More delegates, more delegates" [unclear: the] assembled throng yelled." We can't [unclear: have] this" mumbled Stephen A'Court in a baritone rumble and leapt into a phone booth. He emerged as Super Stephen National Commission candidate and [unclear: va] quisher of P and G. Anything you can I can do better chanted Lindy Cassidy, [unclear: a] waded into fray. Once the formality [unclear: wi] over, and Stephen and Lindy were [unclear: elect] we moved onto Women's Rights [unclear: delegal]

P and G get into Drag

"Aha", we said. "They'll never stand for this". How wrong we were, standing on the anti-male discrimination platform P and G were well to forefront in [unclear: the] election. Whimpering with rage at this irreverent attack on women's rights, [unclear: vir] ginia Adams and Debra Montgomery rush into the fray, saying that they would be very vocal in the defence of women's right — a rather self-evident statement we all thought.

Once the formality of an election was disposed of, we moved onto the lucky last position - that of Accomodation and Welfare delegate. Only one person was required for this position. And what a tussle developed. Tim Rocheford was at his [unclear: stammering] best, and once again Andrew Tees launched himself into the offensive. To everyone's surprise, amazement and admiration, P and G stood for this position, saying they would split the fare for this trip, and it was positively their last offer. "Ha ha" came the derisive yell, and they were sent packing.

So what eventuated was that our President will not be an official delegate to Council - an unprecedented event. It is hard to know where Andrew's support comes from for SRC has never been known to back him up. Where the future will lead only time [unclear: we] tell.

As it happened, the meeting ended here and everyone fled to their lectures. The [unclear: only] sound, after the ambulance left was Simon Wilson humming "I shot the Sheriff"

Andrew Beach

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Women Together

Women Apart

Drawing of four women of different ages

For three days, three thousand women [unclear: et], talked and worked together at the [unclear: lited] Women's Convention held over [unclear: ster] in Hamilton. The Convention was [unclear: sed] on five themes: Communications; [unclear: ititutions] of Power; Women and Health; [unclear: jmen] as Chattels; and The Women's [unclear: nement]. Around these themes work[unclear: ups] were conducted. These workshops [unclear: igned] from more structured presentations films/videos or papers to informal [unclear: disssions.]

Twenty five women from Victoria [unclear: Unrsity] attended the convention.

While the convention proper did not [unclear: rt] until Saturday, there was a social [unclear: ning] on Friday night; a wine and [unclear: ese] and an opportunity to meet and [unclear: ke] friends, and have a look at some of many displays. There was also an all [unclear: men] disco. Sisterhood reigned supreme [unclear: it] night.

[unclear: iterhood] and Solidarity

On Saturday, at the official opening, full impact of three thousand women [unclear: ether] made itself felt.

There was a feeling of solidarity, that some women grew even stronger and [unclear: re] positive as the convention progressed; are all women and we are all together. [unclear: ould] be untrue to say that this feeling [unclear: is] the predominant one because it often [unclear: med] to be overridden by differences, [unclear: e] two other occasions where this [unclear: feeling] of unity was dominant were when [unclear: connporary] feminist singers performed at two mass concerts.

While other aspects of the convention [unclear: re] and are important, this feeling of [unclear: ity], in contrast to what is often the [unclear: ryday] feeling of women in our society, [unclear: it] of disunity within themselves, with [unclear: each] other, brought about by a society [unclear: it] is repressive to all and to women in [unclear: ticular] through sexism, is why women [unclear: k] to organise together and act for change

[unclear: Minists] from Afar

Of the two guest speakers, Charlotte [unclear: rich], American feminist and lesbian, was [unclear: i] more dynamic, possibly because [unclear: England] was not Martine Levy's (French fem[unclear: st])own language, but more probably [unclear: auie] her style of presentation is more [unclear: ted] to a lecture hall. She did not get [unclear: i] enthusiastic response Charlotte did. [unclear: e] point she made however stands out: [unclear: Jaliry] for women in the workforce is [unclear: re] than just percentage figures, and that [unclear: til] the very relationship between women [unclear: had] work and society changes there will [unclear: t] be real equality. But whether this will [unclear: ppen] through reform (which she pointed [unclear: t] is not effective without the backing of [unclear: angled] opinion and actions) or [unclear: revolution] she did not make clear.

Charlotte Bunch was very clear; change [unclear: II] occur through a feminist revolution [unclear: th] a feminist perspective.

Feminist Perspective

The feminist perspective is not confined [unclear: ly] to women's issues. All issues are [unclear: niniit] issues, and all can be seen from [unclear: the] feminist perspective.

She defined the three areas in which [unclear: Tiinists] work: consciousness raising — [unclear: the] must work for "women identified wo[unclear: men]", "women defined as women, for [unclear: men], with women" alternatives; [unclear: femist] collective businesses; lesbian communitites and alternative women's collectives; and reform of the system. Attempts to change the system she saw as the hardest as women were finding themselves now in the position of having to fight to defend what they had previously thought established: like the women's right to choose, the equal rights amendment and the right to determine your own sexuality.

The feminist perspective can not be a passive one but must be continually active.

Keep in Quiet

Like any convention it is possible to find aspects to criticise. The most serious criticism of this convention was its lack of orientation towards action. Most of the women who attended the convention were already committed to feminist action, be it in established women's groups in New Zealand, or as individuals. After the government of the country ignored the petition signed by 350,000 people seeking the repeal of the repressive abortion laws, few are interested in electoral lobbying and reform or have much faith in their effectiveness. Yet the workshops dealing with action were all centred around this sort of action. I believe the convention organisers seriously underestimated the women of the convention by not dealing with action in anything other than the most superficial way.

Both guest speakers stressed the need for a united women's movement, but apart from the initial gathering of women from all over New Zealand, the convention organisers seemed to studiously avoid any moves that would enable women to unite in action. In retrospect having an enormous number and diversity of workshops seemed like a device to prevent the women of the convention from banding together to achieve concrete plans of action.

When groups of women did formulate positive platforms for the women's movement and approached the organisers for a hearing they were met with direct rebuttal. One group proposed that the convention issue a public statement to the effect that the women of the convention deplored the existing repressive abortion laws. The organisers rejected this on the grounds that it was convention policy not to make recommendations because they must have the full support of the convention. Of-course it would have been impossible to ascertain support while the women were dispersed on campus, but surely it would have been easy to determine the feeling of the convention at the finale when almost all the women were gathered

Discrimination Even Here?

A second gripe rising out the "Women and White Racism" workshop was over the predominatly white middle class nature of the convention. That the women concerned were able to express their view at all was due to speaker Charlotte Bunch (not the organisers) handing the microphone to Rebbecca Evans, spokesperson for Maori and Polynesian women, for five minutes to detail their position.

The convention organisers seemed afraid of any sort of confrontation at all. Not just radical confrontation but any distrubance that threatened their dream world of a homogenous, peaceful women's movement.

This was unrealistic. In the first place women are no more a homogenous group than any other in society. Even in a predominantly middle-class group there exist different perspectives about women's liberation. At least four main catagories exist: reformist feminists, radical feminists, cultural feminists and lesbian feminists.

The first group is convinced that working through the existing system, through the [unclear: ch] channels of parliamentary reforms, will go a long way towards the emancipation of women. The latter three groups share one idea in common — they believe that the women's movement should be fighting against male supremacy — "The Patriarchy" There are combinations and sub-groups including the lesbian separatists, who advocate complete seraration from the male society,

Another significant group whose presence cannot be ignored was the socialist women. They believe that while a separate women's movement is necessary to continually fight against sexism, the main oppressor is not man but the capitalist system, and women and men must unite to overthrow capitalism, then the basis for women's true liberation can be laid under socialism..

As for peaceful, the very nature of opppression is not conducive to peaceful rebellion. The women's movement has never been a homogenous peaceful movement — a more militant form of feminism that that of the suffregettes would be difficult to find.

Unity, Struggle, Action

But the fact that the women's movement is not one big happy family is no deterrent to a united women's movement of united feminist action. The internal conflict need not be destructive but can be an asset in aiding the growth of the movement. This point was emphasized by both speakers at the finale.

Woman to Woman

It would be untrue to imply that this aspect of the convention overshadowed all others, although it was the source of both frustration and disappointment for many women.

Many of the workshops were very good as a vehicle for information and also as an opportunity to communicate with other women. Whether the discussion was specific or general the open communication between women that was made possible by the convention made all the negative aspects worth it.

One of the best examples of open communication was the unplanned discussion that took place after the open forum. Conducted by lesbian feminists it was based around the idea that lesbian feminists and heterosexual feminists must come to terms with each other. About a hundred women, one third lesbian sat and talked calmly and openly about something they believed important. Some women were confused by the lesbian separatist position and felt alienated, others just wanted the opportunity to put their own feelings into perspective. To me that's what the convention was about, getting things in perspective, a feminist perspective.
Victoria Quade

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So what ya Gonna do with ya Degree

Drawing of a graduate burning his diploma for food

I am usually inclined to take with a pinch of salt the not infrequent comment by final year students that they "didn't know the Careers Advisory Committee existed" Certainly anyone who has read this far can be assured that it is alive and well, in 6 Kelburn Parade. Unless by publication date the little, old brown labels on the front of this house have been exchanged for a big, new brown label, you could be forgiven for thinking that a rather faded "Careers Advisory Board" resides within. It doesn't: The Board went out of existence last year.

Phoenix-like, arose the Careers Advisory Service.

What does it do? If you are one of the 2,000 or so students who used the Vacation Work Service last summer, you'll have some idea of at least one of our facilities, and if you use the (adjacent) Accommodation Service, you may have browsed through our permanent display of casual, temporary, part-time and "career" job vacancies.

But, as the name of the Service implies, its main function is an advisory one, concerned with vocational guidance and job-getting. This does not mean that we hand out pre-packed chunks of wisdom to those about to leave this establishment; nor does it mean that we can unreservedly guarantee to "fix you up" with a job. What it means is that at any stage of study — but preferably earlier than your last term here — you have the opportunity of discussing your ideas for the future (or lack of them!) in an informal and sympathetic setting, and receiving information about a wide range of possibilities.

Another not-infrequent comment by finalists and graduates following an advisory interview, runs along the lines — "I wish someone had told me all this earlier in my degree. . ." because it would have affected choice of subjects/the motivation to get on with the degree — or whatever. Students of all subjects, however convinced of the breadth or narrowness of career outlets, usually have something to learn about their prospects — or simply about the mechanics of applying for a job; letters of application, interviews and so on

If you are approaching the end of your studies at Vic and have a niggling suspicion that you should be doing something about getting a job, here's a suggestion or two.

- Come in at any *[unclear: tie]* for a browse through the information in the Careers Library. You might want to look up opportunities in computing or in the media or with specific employers — Ford, State

Services, BNZ, VSA etc. You can pick up a free copy of the "Careers Directory for Graduates" or borrow the equivalent directories for Australia and Britain.

- Complete a brief personal information sheet, and have a chat with the Careers Advisor: it pays to bounce around a few ideas with someone outside your immediate circle of friends, relations and tutors. (If you time it right, you might get a cup of tea or coffee as well!)
- Start thinking about the "Milkround" —the annual visitation of employers to campus, which will take place between 9 July and 10 August. Preliminary information (not bookings) is now available: about 70 employers of all types participate.
- Put your name on the mailing list to receive our fortnightly "Current Vacancies" jobsheet. It's a useful device for gaining insight on the range of currently available "graduate" jobs and contains brief editorial advice of closing dates and other information.

First and second year students are welcome to use particularly the advisory and careers information services.

There is every indication that those who delay longest the process of sorting out a direction for themselves are the ones most likely to become the casualties of the employment market. There is an information and advisory service covering every type of employment and postgraduate training, right here on campus. Use it.

Roger Bartley

Careers Adviser

Marley at Western Springs

Photo of Bob Marley

Golden Harvest opened for Bob Marley and the Wailers, freedle beep wop wopping their way to a non-reception. Their set was mercifully short.

The back of the stage was draped with the green, yellow and red flag of Ethiopia, a giant portrait of Haile Selassie (Jah Lion, the Living God of the Rastafari), a "one love" flag from the one love tour of the states last year. The crowd of about 20,000 was quiet and relaxed in the afternoon sun, while an unusually strong force of police "mingled".

Marley is a Rasta man, a member of the Rastafari religious sect. They believe that all black people will soon be repatriated to Ethiopia, the Mother Country. In the 1930's Marcus Garvey prophesied that this would not be until after the crowning of a black king in Africa. He is Jah Lion, Emperor Haile Selassie I of Ethiopia. Jah (the Almighty) will send down a fire to destroy wrongdoers in the victory of good over evil. Marley:

"It's the last days without a doubt." The sect has a powerful following in the ghettos of Jamaica, and Marley is an important political figure.

Marley ran on stage ahead of the band: "Tyroné say to me, "one nation in the one groove." Yes, y'know, come a long way" and we were into Positive Vibration from the Rastaman Vibration album. Immediately the simple, infectious tones of jah reggae rhythm had people moving. The crowd wasn't too big for skanking, Them Belly-full and Burnin' and Lootin', themselves classic Marley tracks, were followed by the song Heathen which featured exciting guitar from Junior Marvin. The song is an emotive Rasta Hymn, and was an early high of the show.

Running Away, Crazy Baldhead then I shot the Sheriff, which was a towering version, outclassing the track on Live. No Woman no cry opened with the keyboards of Tyrone Downie and together he and Marley soon had everyone returning the chorus, "everything's gonna be all right." Lively up Yourself was introduced by lead guitarist Junior Marvin with exhortations to lively up yourselves, so we did, and left the isolation of sitting on the bank, in time for an amazing extended version of Jammin' from the Exodus album. It's unfair to mention individuals. The whole band was hot, and each member played a solo during the song. Marley was rampant.

The encore was a long time coming. Maybe it was planned that way, but it was worth waiting for. They played a medley of War, Get up, Stand up and Exodus. Junior Marvin ran onstage first, shouting, "We don't want no more.....". coaxing the audience into chanting "War!", and Marley returned to play a stunning live version of this speech given by Haile Selassie in the states in 1968. Aston "Family man" Barrett's power bass playing left nothing to the imagination.

"Until the philosophy where one race stayed superior and the other inferior, is finally and permanently discredited, and abandoned.....the African continent will not know peace."

The song ran into Get up, Stand up which is also done by Peter Tosh on the Equal Rights album. It's a powerful song, and even more so in a live situation. Listen to it sometime on the Live album. You'll get a glimpse of the emotional high of a crowd chorusing back Marley's patois. Exodus was the last song, and it was unforgettable.

Marley was out front from start to finish Dreadlocks and arms whirling he played rhythm guitar, sang with passion and laughter, and skanked his way through the whole act. He has a charisma which is magnetic.

Junior Marvin enjoyed himself, this showing on some inspired solos which Al Anderson, the other lead guitarist, complemented well. The 1 Three's, Marley's three girl vocal backing group, displayed exceptional timing and rhythm. They got well-earned recognition from the crowd at the end of Exodus when they dipped across the stage and back again after Marley had left.

The music wasn't loud, but it didn't have to be because of the sheer force and energy of Marley and the Wailers. The slickness and hypnotism of the music made the concert seem short. Some people may have gone home disappointed. The terraces seemed isolated from the intensity of the moment. The compelling political and religious messages in Marley's music may have offended white suburban Auckland.

Bob Marley and the Wailers left me hungry for more. Everyone round was smiling. They loved it too.

Alan McCorkindale

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Students Speak Out

[unclear: week] Salient ran an article on the Econ 101 and two readers have submitted their views [unclear: is] course. It is indeed welcome to see Salient as a forum for debate on the quality and na—[unclear: nf] education at Vic. Salient encourages other [unclear: fi], both staff and students, to enter this de—either on Econ 101 or just any general [unclear: comi] they have on other courses.

[unclear: futher] to K. Gallagher's report on the Econ[unclear: irbatr], may I add the comments of an anxious [unclear: inting] student.

[unclear: the] the lectures on 3rd April Professor Bertram [unclear: ked] that the course was geared to the needs [unclear: ca] students who constitute most of the Econ[unclear: lass]. Many of these students will not be con[unclear: ns] further in the study of economics, yet they [unclear: tc] making decisions in the future based on what learned at stage 1 level.

heir need, therefore, is for a balanced [unclear: persve]. Surely it is dangerous to unleash on the ess community a series of graduates trained [unclear: rrlook] the vitally significant role unions, [unclear: nroent] and business corporations play in [unclear: ing] economic issues. Not all countries base economies on the market price system — [unclear: ve] reasonably expect, on the one hand, to with these countries whilst on the other [unclear: e] the theory on which their economic [unclear: prince] are based?

higher proportion of students who left [unclear: sc]-before the seventh form is to be found in [unclear: oinmerce] Faculty than in any other. For BCA students Economics I will be their chance to study a social science. They will, [unclear: e] other hand, be given plenty of practice [unclear: dysis] in other subjects. I feel that a [unclear: respondy] falls on the Economics Department to the university's function of expanding men-[unclear: trixons] and teaching young minds to inves— [unclear: ting] to query - not just to regurgitate narrow[unclear: ed] or irrelevant material in examinations. Maynard Keynes (who incidentally studied [unclear: tophy] at Cambridge) would have been the [unclear: o] condemn a narrow rigid approach to his, [unclear: y] other theory.

[unclear: lose] hardy or foolish enough to persevere [unclear: ige] 111 will undoubtedly reverie a fully—[unclear: led] training. Or will they? What truth is in the rumour that, as from next year, the [unclear: e] in Marxian economics is to be removed? [unclear: re] a danger that neo-classical lectures will breed yet another generation of neo-classical lectures?

If neo-classical theory is to be a useful study, it can Only be so alongside alternative approaches. An analytical tool is of no use without a realistic framework within which to apply it.

J. Pallot.

I was interested to read K. Gallagher's article on recent developments in Economics 101 lectures (Salient, 9 April).

As a veteran Economics student, I can quite appreciate the problem that Bob Stephens and Prof. Bertram found themselves facing. There is a basic problem with the relationship of the subject matter of "Economics" to the real world, and nowhere is this more evident than in the subject of price theory.

Economics price theory is only capable through the methods of supply and demand, of giving insight into changing prices, and can tell us nothing about why prices were established in the first place. A major factor in

mis, of course, is the fallacious argument about the relationship between price and the returns on capital.

But how could the poor economics teachers talk about these subjects. The whole house of cards on which what they teach might have tumbled around them. We wouldn't want to subject them to the indignity of having no job, now, would we!!

Salient recently received three short articles in which the writer records their impressions of their first Stage 1 Psychology Lecture. Salient hopes that other Psych students will write in with their comments, both on these articles, and also on the way in which the course has developed so far this year.

First Student

We sit expectantly, filling the hall to the edges, strained faces focussed on the man below us. He is talking in short clipped sentences. Words are spat like bullets from his lips. Some of them are repeated with monotonous regularity... Bad..... student.....fail.....bad.....essay.....bad.....marks.. bad.....work.... He tells us in this manner that many of us will fail, that we are to blame, that he and the other staff are doing the work of angels. His general attitude is that we are worth—less.

Students who have had 'experience' will pass because it is 'easy', but he implied he could pick 50% of those that will fail right [*unclear*: then] simply by looking at them. I sit there, growing more and more outraged. What right has this jerk to say these things. I look at the sea of faces, many older students, attentively listening to what they know to be a true summation of the attitude of lecturers in large classes such as this. Younger students, first year.....looking bewildered, not really knowing what they have stumbled into, disoriented, bewildered, alone. Although I know that markers in the situation that these lectures are in are inevitably defensive towards students, (they know how arbitrary and invalid and unreliable their procedures of assessment are) I fail to see how they have the gall to stand up and not only state an indefensible attitude, but to justify it by evincing totally negative attitudes towards those least capable of defence - first year students in large impersonal classes, in a subject with which they have never dealt with before. The lecturer has all the time been droning on, he tells us that we will regurgitate what we are fed 'in the same form and as nearly the same order as we received it'; that another problem group are those 'who think that they have something to offer psychology' and that 'you might as well face the fact that you will make no contribution towards discussion in the subject for at least three years.....so much for orientation.

Second Student

The poor screwed up lecturer that introduced Psyc 101 was a fine example of a screwed up lecturer. His case was a bad one. You can tell the type by the way they dress - in black suits, how they speak - negatively, what they say - rubbish, and how they hold attention - they don't. Anyone who sat through this first lecture can vouch for the actual content of the rubbish.

He informed us:

- A large proportion of us were going to fail.
- He could see from where he was standing (approx. 2-15 metres) the idiots "the ones who, through lack of enthusiasm or general intelligence were going to fail.
- Students with average or below B bursa—rics were in this category and were doomed for failure.

It was not a pleasant or encouraging introduction. In one hour this guy stripped bare any hopes of success in the subject, and any desire to learn that was floating around, died. His attitude was uninspiring, negative and totally unacceptable in an institution of higher learning.

My question is, how do maladjusted individuals get to lecture 'normal' students? Surely they are some people of his own species who could channel his talent somewhere else, where it would be appreciated. Would anybody with any practical suggestion please inform him.

And is there a clause of students rights protecting the emotional well being of first year student? as they are particularly vulnerable and are: often inexperienced with such severe cases.

Third Student

Very few people are happy presenting themselves in front of a large crowd, and lecturers are no exception. The 'style' a lecturer adopts is a strategy that allows him to cope with the stress of exposing himself to hordes of strangers. Very often this 'style' will take the form of a sort of detached cynicism; a seemingly callous disregard for the cells in the faceless hive humming about him. If he's not interested in their performance, maybe they won't be too interested in his.

Psychology lecturers have a further problem in this regard. Many people taking Stage 1 Psychology are after an easy 12 credits, and are not prepared to invest anything more in the subject than is required to pass.

Furthermore they are often academic voyeurs, eagerly awaiting some titillating fact about human behaviour, some stimulating tit-bit about themselves that they can amuse their friends with and they are usually disappointed.

This disappointment turns to resentment which any lecturer of any sensitivity (and there are a few) can tell. Thus a vicious negative feedback loop is created in which generations of apathetic and often hostile Stage 1 students force the lecturer to adopt a defensive posture, and to retreat behind a mask of amused indifference. As with any actor who plays a part for too long, a lecturer's personality will merge with the image he projects. Innocent Stage 1 students, eagerly awaiting their 1st dose of The Secrets of Human Nature, and shocked by the full frontal assault on their preconceptions by the lecturer, and this, not unnaturally, colours their subsequent behaviour. And so the cycle goes on.

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Women's Rights ~ Class or Sex?

March 31 forum

On June 10 1978, massive conference was held in the United Kingdom of women from throughout the world who came together to campaign against all restrictive abortion laws. Laws that prohibit women making a basic decision in their lives: the right to control their own reproductive lives.

They designated March 31 st 1979 as an International Abortion Action Day. This day was of special relevance to New Zealand women since the very restrictive and highly humiliating Contraception, Sterilisation and Abortion Act was passed in December of 1977.

Many organisations in NZ have endorsed this day of protest; Trade Unions etc, and many more individual concerned people.

Various activities were held throughout the country, from an abortion march in Auckland, to forums discussing the question of abortion and its relevance to the lives of women.

On March 29, a forum was held in the Lounge, here at Victoria, with guest speakers from WEL (Womens Electoral Lobby), Working Women's Alliance, and WONAC, (Womens National Abortion Campaign).

The representative from WEL was the first to address the forum. She outlined what WEL's aims were and the ways in which they felt these could be carried out. Their official policy on abortion is that every woman should have the right to choose. Before the CS & A Bill became law, WEL made several submissions criticizing the Royal Commissions recommendations. All were ignored by the Government.

She said that WEL felt the restrictive abortion law and all discrimination of women in our society could be eradicated by Parliamentary reform. She commented on the necessity for women to be on the various

Government Select Committees, in business, and generally in the hierarchy of our society. It was stressed that there needs to be more than one, or two, women in these positions, which is merely a token gesture on the part of Government and such, for anything effective to come about'.

Martha Coleman, from Working Womens Alliance was next. Martha gave a very general view on the position of working women in our capitalist society, and how the restrictive abortion laws affect working women a great deal more than wealthy women.

She sparked off a very lively debate when she described Working Womens Alliance as being a "non-feminist" organisation. Martha explained that the reason for this term is an attempt to break away from the accepted meaning of the word feminism, which points solely to men in our society as being the oppressors of women. Martha explained that although men do oppress women, they are merely the weapons used by capitalist society, and that the only way to truly remove sexism is to gain an understanding of this, and to destroy the capitalist system. She strongly believes that this fight cannot be won from within the system.

In the best interests of capitalism, people, not only women, are exploited for the gains of a very small percentage of our population. Working class men are exploited in the work-force and in other spheres of society; for example in the education system. Working class women are exploited and oppressed even more - in times of economic hardship, it is they who lose their jobs, it is they who are made to feel guilty for not staying home to fulfill their role as child-bearer, rearer, and unpaid household slave. If it is not done by women the Government would have to foot the bill.

Martha felt that for women to become united body to fight capitalism, and so gain their liberation, they would have to join the labour force. In this respect free, legal abortion by choice, and free childcare is necessary

Specifically related to abortion, Martha explained that the abortion laws at the moment are discriminative on a class basis. A working class women can rarely find the money to fly to Australia, as wealthy women can. If she is desperate for an abortion, but cannot have one legally, unlike the wealthy women, she has 2 choices - have the child (which in many cases, due to severe economic hardship, is not a choice) or have a back-street or self-induced abortion.

Drawing of a pregnant woman with babies

Carol Kelly the final speaker spoke for WONAC. WONAC was set up in 1973 specifically to look at the abortion laws. They saw the need to organise to reform the then existing laws of 1973, and the need to involve a large number of women as possible to provide massive campaigns pressurising the Government to give the women of NZ what they want - the right to decide for themselves whether or not to have an abortion.

WONAC is committed to repealing all laws on the abortion question, so there is no limit on a women's choice to control their fertility.

WONAC is involved in many activities in fighting for this right - letters to MP's, voicing their opinion through radio-talk-backs, media newsletters, inviting overseas speakers to talk on the fight in their own country, organisation of pickets, marches, etc.

Carol finished off with a few words of encouragement "that 1979 will show women to become strong in the fight to Repeal the C S & A Act, [unclear: am] not to be disheartened because we, the majority, will win our struggle.

The forum was then opened up for discussion, where an interesting, lively debate followed.

This forum was organised by the VUWS Women's Rights Action Group (WRAG). The WRAG organises regular forums, discussions, films etc on women's position at University and in society as a whole. The womens group is for women only, so if you are interested in our activity, watch Salient for notices of our meetings, or contact Victoria Quade or Leonie Morris C/- Salient.

Caroline Massof

M'Sia & Spore News

Poor HSC Results in Five States

A preliminary check has shown that at least five states — Selangor, Johore, Malacca, Kedah and Sarawak — recorded a drop in overall performance in last year's HSC/ STP examinations compared with the previous year. The overall results of Federal territory schools also declined. Analysis of results from the other states were not available but it is understood that Pahang and Trenggany improved on their 1977 pass rate.

In Sabah, a total of 103 or 41.2 per cent of 250 school candidates obtained full certificates. Of the six schools that fielded candidates, the La Salle School in Kota Kina-balu obtained the best results with 57.9 per cent passes. Only 40 of the 597 private candidates in the states obtained full certificates.

Meanwhile, the DAP has called on the government to conduct a full scale inquiry into the "deteriorating standards" of the HSC/STP performances. The party's political bureau director, Mr Lee Lam Thye, said the time was "opportune for an inquiry to be held". He said there was also a need to look into the teaching of Bahasa Malaysia.

(NST 22/3/79)

More Airlines Serving Sarawak

The Royal Brunei Airlines and the Cathay Pacific Airlines (CPA) have been allowed to operate in Sarawak to improve air services there. Deputy Transport Minister Encik Ali Shariff said recently. He said although CPA had been given landing rights, it had not yet begun operations in the state. He was replying to a question by Mr Leonard Linggi, who asked what steps were being taken by the government to improve air services in Sarawak.

To another question Encik Ali said MAS has sufficient F27 and B737 planes to meet the demands of the people in Sarawak, but there were many airfields which could not be used by the B737. He said the possibility of enlarging these airports to allow the B737 to land was still under consideration.

Drawing of Malaysia

Mahathir on our System of Democracy

The government is satisfied with the present system of "democracy" in the country and has no intention of exerting firmer control over the people, claimed the Deputy Prime Minister recently. He said the situation in the country did not merit any change in our system of government. Earlier, Wan Mohamed Najib had asked whether the government would allow those who were dissatisfied with the way the country is run to leave. Dr Mahathir said the government is aware of complaints that democracy in this country is fast eroding. However he said these people should realise that the fact that they were able to complain and criticise openly showed that there was democracy in the country. These people, he said, are not grateful and are only bent on making baseless criticisms.

(NST 27/3/79)

(comment: Dr Mahathir should enrol in Pols 111 to know what Democracy is.)

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The Victoria University of Wellington CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL presents the CAPPING WEEK BALL in the top floor of the Union, VUW, April 25th, 8pm-1am. A Supper and Liquid Refreshments will be served. Music by the VUW Music Society Orchestra conducted by Prof. Farquhar Dress: terribly formal

A Word from the Boss

Her Majesty Queen Victoria University of Wellington.

We command all our loyal subject students to attend to such matters of state as have been identified in the

adjoining [*unclear*: dection].

It is our wish that we shall be able to observe the livliest capping seen in our colonies for some millenia.

We are concerned that it be understood that all students are to present themselves at the Strauss Capping Week Ball, and not only those of our subjects that that are unfortunate enough to being themselves capped in this the 135th year of our reign.

It is imperitive that our people do participate in all events where the Austrian threat is present.

It must be noted that such occurences that we are thinking of include a drinking horn, SASRAC, Treasure Hunt, The Battle at the City Library, Films, Revue, The Festival of Bad Taste — to mention but a few.

Our deepest consternation must be expressed at the staging of an Austro-Hungarian Capping Ball on ANZAC Day of all days that the empire remembers.

We intend to undergo a face change at our raft race on Friday, and to parade in a Coronation Celebration through the establishments of Wellington to finish at our students' hotel (the Barretts of course).

We finish, challenging our students to participate in this years capping.

Victoria R.

Stunts must be registered with the Students' Association office before being undertaken.

Objects being entered in the treasure hunt, and festival of bad taste must be registered with the Students' Association Office. Register your raft with the Students' Association today.

A History of Kampuchea

Introduction

April 17 was the day that in 1975 the troops of the National United Front of Kampuchea, known popularly as the Khmer Rouge, entered Phnom Penh, and proclaimed the Democratic State of Kampuchea. It was, or so most of its many supporters the world over thought, the end of years of armed struggle to create a truly independent, non-aligned, socialist state against French, American, traitor nationals, Russians and Vietnamese.

This article (in two parts) commemorates the 4th Anniversary of Democratic Kampuchea. It is the third in a series of three articles on South East Asia.

Sometime in the future the world will look back on the turbulent history of the now seemingly insignificant country of Kampuchea and realise that the events in that country during the sixties and seventies constitute one of the most amazing stories of world history. They continue today.

This article is not designed as a comprehensive history of Kampuchea, but tells the story of the Kampuchean people's recent struggle against a formidable array of imperialist and hegemonist enemies.

Within the story, there are a number of sub-plots which, for the sake of brevity have had to be substantially cut out. There is the treacherous aggression, bombing and finally starvation tactics used by the US against the Kampuchean people; there is the humiliating defeat suffered by the massive US military machine which only accelerated their already increasing powerlessness to deal with problems in their traditional spheres of influence; there is the continual hampering of the Kampuchean struggle by the new superpower trying to set up a new sphere of influence in the South East Asian region — the USSR; there is the cynical corruption of the elite of Kampuchea, especially the [*unclear*: puppet] government of Lon [*unclear*: Nol], brought to power in a CIA coup in 1970; and finally there is the story of how Vietnam tried to engineer the liberation of the South East Asian region in a way that would afford them control over the area.

The Period up to 1970

The history of what is now Kampuchea goes back thousands of years, the height of which was the ancient Khmer Kingdom of which the ruins of Angkor Wat (built around 1000 AD), the national emblem of Democratic Kampuchea, are the legacy. We needn't go any further into this period of history but it was here that a significant part of the culture and language of the Khmer people was developed.

Today, the Khmer people exhibit a significantly different culture, language and custom's from any of the neighbouring peoples, despite that fact that for years they [*unclear*: suffered] domination from what is now Thailand and what is now Vietnam. This seems a small point, hut as we shall see, Kampuchea's neighbours as well as some colonial powers have regarded Kampuchea as a non-nation, incapable of separate national status.

In 1854, Cambodia (a French alliteration of the native Kampuchea), became a French "protectorate". Although the French lost effective power there in 1953, the effects of French colonialism still burden

Kampuchea today. This applies especially to the arbitrary borders drawn up by the colonialists in disregard of the history and peoples of the affected areas. These border divisions, including those encompassing Laos, Vietnam and China are presently causing great difficulties in the area.

When the French left, Kampuchea was left with a part colonial, part monarchical, part parliamentary political system. At the same time, the United States had started extending their influence in the region very rapidly and were aiding a band of guerrillas (the Khmer Srei) who were working against the government headed by the crown prince Norodom Sihanouk. The Cambodian government took a policy of not allying itself with the US and accordingly started consciously to build up diplomatic relations with the old colonial masters France, and the neighbouring socialist countries of China and North Vietnam.

Growing Strains

Although Sihanouk is often regarded as a progressive leader, his time as head of state in Cambodia in the 60s, saw the impoverishment of the peasantry, the growth of an immensely wealthy Cambodian elite, and the building up of a headstrong military leadership which terrorised the rural people in bloody land grabs. A mass grave of 500 peasants was found in 1965; peasants who had resisted a local army garrison's attempt to take their land from them.

The development of popular movements in Cambodia in the 40s, 50s and 60s is full of twists and turns, but the greatest single influence on the local communist parties of that time came from neighbouring Vietnam where the resistance movement had been going longer and was much more developed.

A document from very early on in the Indochinese Communist Party's history puts, in a nutshell, the Vietnamese attitude to Kampuchean liberation. The ICP wrote in its "Letter to comrades in Cambodia and documents from the Macau Congress 1935", that '...there is no way we can envisage a separate Cambodian revolution. There can only be one Indochinese revolution'. The leadership of the ICP around that time also warned of Ho Chi Minh's "nationalist deviations". Ho Chi Minh went on to become President of North Vietnam and the deviation mentioned could possibly have been the insistence on separate national revolutions for all three South East Asian nations — Laos, Cambodia and Vietnam.

All this merely reinforces the fact that the Vietnamese communists had always harboured the dream of an "Indochinese Federation" which would be under their tutelage. The separation of the ICP into three communist parties came in 1951, but only on paper because the leadership of the other two were still dominated by Vietnam, partly because of the maturity of the party but also because of their blatant "Indochina" ideology.

The New Generation in Kampuchea

Despite this, genuine Kampuchean communism did arise. This was primarily because of two major developments in the fifties. The first was the Geneva Conference on Indochina in 1954. Here the Cambodian communists suffered a reversal as they were "left out in the cold" by the Vietnamese in the general struggle against the French. The Cambodian communists were forced either to retreat to Vietnam, or, the ones who wanted to continue the struggle, go underground.

The second factor was the new generation of left wing intellectuals, many of whom had been educated in France in the forties and fifties. These included Khieu Samphan, Head of State for Democratic Kampuchea, Pol Pot, Prime Minister, Ieng Sary and Son Sen, both Deputy Prime Ministers.

These men were to make up the core of the new Communist Party of Kampuchea which was formed on the 27 September 1960, and which from its beginnings adopted a very independent stance, especially in relation to the Vietnamese.

The US Move in

During the late sixties, the Sihanouk government came under severe stress, caused by the US. The US had been wooing the military US, and the internal conflicts between the new elite in Cambodia and the workers and peasantry.

The increasing urgency of the situation of the US in South East Asia, as they were becoming increasingly bogged down in Vietnam meant that the Sihanouk regime in Phnom Penh had to be toppled, not because it was necessarily a progressive country, but because to win a victory in Vietnam, the Americans had to gain control of Cambodia.

As well as this, the Americans were also getting jittery over Sihanouk's close relations with countries like China and the DPR of Korea.

The Lon Nol Coup

In 1970 they struck. The CIA engineered a coup in which Sihanouk's cabinet chief, Lon Nol came to power. It was not a particularly difficult coup to engineer. Sihanouk had been increasingly losing control of government which had been hopelessly split into factions in the crisis of the late 60s. The US had been wooing the military in preparation for the coup.

In October 1969, Lon Nol left for France for some medical treatment and at the American hospital at Neuilly-sur-Seine, met CIA advisors to plan the operation. When the coup took place on March 18, Sihanouk was himself out of the country making visits to China and the USSR.

Following the CIA coup in Cambodia the whole situation developed rapidly.

1970-1975

The US offensive actually started on March 18 1969 when the first armed attack on Cambodia was launched by US armed forces in South Vietnam. But when on April 30, 1970, US tanks and troops rumbled across the Cambodian border, the war between the newly formed NUFK (National United Front of Kampuchea) and the United States with their local quislings headed by Lon Nol began in earnest.

The reason for the invasion is clear. The Lon Nol government was so shaky it needed the support of US troops to secure it, only five days after it was installed.

The Proclamation and Appeal for Resistance to the Cambodian people was drafted by Norodom Sihanouk the day he heard of his overthrow (he was in the USSR at the time). Although in the period of 1970-76, Sihanouk headed the Royal Government of the National United Front (the diplomatic arm of the NUFK), the incredible story of how in five years the NUFK armies took over the entire country despite the massive bombings they suffered and aggression from the US and treacherous Cambodian troops, is evidence of the work done by the CPK within the United Front.

Sihanouk briefly returned to Cambodia in 1973, but the leadership inside the country fell to those who became leaders of Democratic Kampuchea in 1975 — Pol Pot (then under the alias of Saloth Sar), Khieu Samphan, Ieng Sary and Son Sen.

Most New Zealanders active in the antiwar movement knew little about these developments. The existence of the CPK was not made public until 1976, and the Secretary-General of the party, Pol Pot does not get a mention in any material until 1976. But the incredible secrecy of the CPK did not reflect on its political work. The leadership had been tested under the rule of the French and under the repression in the 60s under the Sihanouk-led government. History now proves that they were the most independent minded of all the South East Asian communists, wholly devoted to an all Kampuchean programme.

The period up to 1973 saw the NUFK rapidly increase the size of its armed forces and the areas which it had liberated. With only 3,000 troops in 1970, it had grown to 50,000 in 1973 (CIA estimates) and had liberated 80% of the land area of Cambodia.

The Americans, having withdrawn their troops, resorted to mass bombings of liberated areas. A study at Cornell University, USA, revealed that in 1971 alone, 100,000 tons of bombs were dropped. However, following the 1972 Paris Peace Agreement with Vietnam, the US were able to throw all their available B52s into Cambodia with the result that from 7 March to 15 August 1973, 250,000 tons were dropped. It is estimated that 200,000 Kampucheans were killed during this period of the war. Most of the rural areas were destroyed during these bombings, and it was then that refugees began to move to Phnom Penh, unable to cultivate their crops.

The same year Kissinger, who with Nixon had ordered the terror bombings, in order not to lose face, was awarded the Nobel Peace Prize. The ironies of history!

Also significant during this period was the NUFK's relations with both Vietnam and Russia, although the two shouldn't be confused at this stage. The leadership inside the NUFK, dominated by the CPK, had always been wary of the Vietnamese and about this time the differences started to appear. There were differences over the Paris Peace Agreements which the Kampucheans had, as in 1954, been frozen out of. The Vietnamese tried to enforce the Paris ceasefire on the NUFK by cutting off supplies and weapons, including weapons coming from China through Vietnam.

In 1971, parts of liberated Kampuchea had been attacked by Hanoi's troops and in 1972 the NUFK captured a Vietnamese spy whose confession bore the seal of the "Indochina Confederation" ideology still held by the Vietnamese.

The hatred of the Government of Democratic Kampuchea for the Russinas, came from, not simply as many Westerners have postulated, as a hand down from China, but grew from their experience of the treachery of the

Soviet Union.

Members of the Kampuchean People's Army.

Photo of members of the Kampuchean People's Army

The USSR gave diplomatic recognition to the Lon Nol regimes and it was not until when the liberation was a foregone [unclear: firms] that they recognised the new government. In a UN debate as to [unclear: uld] assume the Cambodian seat in 74 the Soviets and their allies (with [unclear: ptJon] of Rumania and Yugoslavia) [unclear: ed] from the voting while urging [unclear: ltl] countries to abstain or be ab-[unclear: dom] the vote. A Russian official was at the debate as saying "...our [unclear: posble] that it is an affair between Khmers [unclear: t] we would like it to be settled by [unclear: il] means". This was also the US [unclear: n] at the time!

[unclear: cc] why the Soviets had deliberately [unclear: to] recognition of the Lon Nol regime [unclear: ild] look at the economic profit [unclear: v] was gaining from the puppet [unclear: recognised] The Soviet insurance company Goss-[unclear: ward] was, with other western insurance confirms, insuring US aid to Lon Nol brought in three times a month up the Mekong to Phnom Penh.

The Last Days of Lon Nol

In the last two years of the way, when Lon Nol's control of the country was being whittled down to the immediate area around Phnom Penh, the NUFK began to be aware of the massive problems they would encounter on the liberation of the capital.

Since 1970, it had grown from a population of half a million to approximately three million. So five of every six occupants were refugees from their homes in the bombed out countryside. The capital was not capable of supporting such a large population and serious health and hygiene problems had begun to develop.

Because the Lon Nol regime had lost control of the rural areas, no food was coming into the cities to feed the refugees. The United States was being forced to fly in 30-40,000 tons of food a month, much of that for the elite of Phnom Penh. The food shortage was also due to the black marketeering which was going on in the capital — merchants were storing up grain waiting for the price to rise while thousands of refugees starved to death.

In the last month of the war an estimated 8,000 people starved to death, primarily because the US were flying in military supplies instead of the usual supplies of food. According to the American agency that was handling the food (AID), the city needed 1,000 tons of rice a day to barely survive.. Near the close of the war only an average of 545 tons per day were sent in.

Deputy Director of AID, John Murphy, told Congress that Phnom Penh's population would have to "get along on something less than normal".

Liberation!

By March 1975 the NUFK had encircled the capital. Still Gerald Ford, then US President, was reported to have proposed sending in \$125M worth of ammunition in a last ditch stand. The United States had suffered their most humiliating defeat ever — even more so than in Vietnam, because of the military skill and discipline of the NUFK.

Lon Nol escaped to Hawaii, taking with him an estimated \$1.2M fortune. The Lon Nol troops gave in quickly and the NUFK walked into Phnom Penh.

David Murray

(to be continued in the next issue)

Pol Pot: an Interview

March last year, a Yugoslav [unclear: list] conducted an interview [unclear: ol] Pot, Prime Minister of De-[unclear: tic] Kampuchea. Below are excerpts from the interview.

Pol Pot

[unclear: ted] comrade Pol Pot, you are going [unclear: o] celebrate the third anniversary of [unclear: ration] of your country. Please tell [unclear: t] the outstanding achievements [unclear: during] last three years have been.

It is a pleasure for me to answer question. During these past [unclear: cars], we have got a number of

unclear: sairy] results in the restoration and [*unclear: ion*] of our country. But, first of [*unclear: juld*] like to say that we still have work to do.

first outstanding result is that we [*unclear: lved*] the agricultural problem, [*unclear: estimate*] in rice-growing To have the [*unclear: probice*] production solved means to have rice to feed our people. In 1976, [*unclear: ined*] to get a yield of 3 tons of [*unclear: padhectare*]. We achieved 80 to 90 per this objective, which allowed us to [*unclear: e*] the living conditions of our [*unclear: people*] also export more rice.

[*unclear: 1977*], we planned a yield of 3 tons of [*unclear: jer*] hectare for one crop and of 6 tons [*unclear: tare*] for two crops a year. We fulfilled [*unclear: n*] at nearly 100 per cent. Therefore, we had a paddy production higher at in 1976.

slogan says: "If we have rice, we can [*unclear: erything,*]" because our people can eat [*unclear: ll*], we have rice to export and we can the products we need. The results [*unclear: d*] in the agricultural production i.e. basis of the fundamental hydraulic [*unclear: s*] that we have already achieved. The [*unclear: ic*] projects are important [*unclear: re*] in the future, the agricultural and [*unclear: duction*] will be satisfactory.

[*unclear: ther*] outstanding result is that we have [*unclear: ted*] malaria which was a scourge for [*unclear: lan*] 80 per cent of our compatriots. In the past, every year, the number of people suffering from malaria was very high and they faced many difficulties in their work. Now, we have eliminated 90% of the malaria So; the living conditions of our people have been considerably improving in the area of health.

Photo of members of the Kampuchean People's Army

Another outstanding result is the basic elimination of the illiteracy which was a blemish in the former society. In that society there were indeed, faculties, high schools, secondary schools and primary schools in the cities. But the majority of the people in the country side were illiterate.

Now, we have fundamentally solved this problem. Our people can read and write. That is the basis which allows our people to progressively increase their cultural level. Now, rather than for just a small group, there is education for everyone.

As for the other results, they are less important, but I would like to tell you that we have established and developed a sanitary network throughout the country. Each co-operative has its own medical centre and its own centre for making traditional, national and popular medicines. This has allowed us to greatly improve the health of the people.

During our short stay in your country, we have had some evidence that your revolution is radically cut off from the past.

What model of society are you building up now?

Pol Pot: We have no model in building up our new society. The Special National Congress held at the end of April 1975 clearly specified the determinant role in the revolution, in the national liberation war, played by the worker and peasant people, who formed the overwhelming majority of Kampuchea.

It is the workers and peasants who have endured the heaviest burden in the revolution. It is then the same workers and peasants who must enjoy most the gains of the revolution, at present and in the future. Our aspiration is to edify a society where happiness, prosperity and equality prevail for everybody, a society where there are neither exploiting classes nor exploited classes, neither exploiting people nor exploited people, and where everybody participates in production works and national defence. It is on these bases and goals that we are edifying our new society.

If the people consider that the edification of this society is the correct way, then they will carry on in this way. On the contrary, if they are not satisfied they would then decide differently. It is their decision.

According to our experiences, we totally rely on our people, in the revolution as well as in the national liberation war.

If the people undertake to do something by themselves, everything can be achieved, but if not, we could achieve nothing without them. That is to say that we have no preconceived model of a new society.

If we have understood you. Democratic Kampuchea faces many problems and difficulties of all kinds with her neighbours. What is your opinion and how could you solve these problems and overcome the present difficulties?

The main difficulty is that we have abided by the position of independence, sovereignty and self-reliance, and of deciding by ourselves our own destiny. This position runs counter to some countries, that is the expansionists and the imperialists. But we assess that in abiding by this position of independence, so—vereignty and self reliance our difficulties are less serious than those we would face if the nation and the people of Kampuchea were subjugated or disappeared. Therefore, we prefer to stand by our position of independence, soveriegnity, territorial integrity, of non alignment, of deciding by ourselves our own destiny in overcoming all obstacles.

How to solve these difficulties? This problem would depend on the factors on our side and those against us. We have successively sought to solve this problem through meetings and negotiations. Immediately after

liberation in June 1975, other comrade leaders and I went to Hanoi. We decided to go and show our good will in seeking to solve the problems which have existed for a long time. There were many problems, but the main one, the problem of borders had been discussed

We said that Kampuchea wants only to live in peace and, in order to preserve, develop and strengthen the friendship between our two countries and peoples, she considers as state borders between the two countries the present borders that Vietnam solemnly recognised in 1966-7 as the state borders between the two countries, and committed itself to respect them. We have not claimed our former islands. We have not claimed even [unclear: arch] of territory.

The Vietnamese did not deign to reply for they have fostered greater ambitions, that is to take possession of all of Kampuchea under the form of an "Indochina Federation" by sending, each year, many hundreds of thousands into Kampuchea. In thirty years or more, the people of Kampuchea would become a national minority. That is very clear.

In May 1976, we invited the Vietnamese to come and negotiate in Phnom Penh. At first, they did not want to come. When they arrived, they said that they were coming because we had insisted on inviting them to come. During the negotiations. Vietnam rejected the borders that it recognised in 1966 and 1967 and that it had committed itself to respect. Vietnam told us that in 1966 it agreed with Kampuchea for at that time it needed us to fight against the US imperialists. Therefore it was a dupery. Furthermore, Vietnam has proposed a new borderline cutting off a great part of our territorial waters. To us, that is expansionism and annexationism. That is no friendship. Because we are small, Vietnam has exerted pressure on us. But we have not accepted it and the negotiations did not lead to any result.

At the same time, the Vietnamese continued to attack us along the border aiming at forcing us to comply with them. But we have always refused. After having waged a hard struggle against the imperialists and their lackeys, we cannot accept to be slaves of Vietnam. Our people will not accept it.

Now, how to solve this problem? We will solve it in accordance to the concrete situation. If Vietnam really respects our independence and sovereignty, if Vietnam fosters a genuine friendship with us, there would be no difficulties in solving the problem. This problem could be solved at once. But if Vietnam stubbornly wants to take possession of Kampuchea, we must defend our independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. But we consider that our difficulties will evolve and could be solved progressively.

First of all, we have mobilised our forces to resolutely defend our independence, sovereignty and territorial integrity. To this end, the entire people are united and have redoubled their endeavours to increase production, improve their standards of living, increase exports in order to accumulate more and more capital for national defence and edification.

At the same time, we think that the Democratic Kampuchea's friends in the world stand by our side and their number has been further increased. We are of the opinion that there are a lot of countries which cherish independence and some of them have a firm position of independence. [unclear: Yugoslavia] is an example. These independence - and - justice-loving countries progressively and clearly discern those who are right from those who are wrong, those who want peace and friendship from those who are expansionists and aggressors.

COOKING.. Rainbow Farm Cookbook Lynn Anderson \$5.95 (nett) This book has excellent vegetarian recipes for cheap winter eating This is the sort of good wholesome food the Famous Five would have eaten had they been vegetarians. "Look at those cheese and nut stuffed onions, too," marvelled Dick, quite overcome. And those potato pancakes. Are we supposed to have something of everything, Mrs. Penruthlan?" "Oh yes," said the plump little woman, smiling at Dick's pleasure, "And there's a rasin and yoghurt pie made with our own yoghurt, and our own cream with it....." Mastering the Art of French Cooking. Sim one Beck. Louisette Bertholle and Julia Child. \$5.67 (students), \$6.30 (public). Step by step to the classics. Omeltttes, concombres a la mornay and saute de boeuf a la bourguignonne made intelligible. The Home Book of Greek Cookery. Joyce M. Stubbs \$2.84 A good basic book on Greek cookery. Includes recipes for avgolemono soupa (Lemon Soup), dolmathes (stuffed vine leaves), baclava, and galataboureko. (See K. Eats 'Ode to a Grecian Custard Square) Food for Flatters Michael Volkering \$2.93 (students) \$3.25 (commoners) Useful for those inexperienced in housekeeping. Sections on cooking utensils, recommended daily food needs, where and how to shop and lots of simple economic recipes. Regional Cooking of China Margaret Gin and Alfred E Castle \$5.36 or \$5.95. An authoritative book, beautifully printed, and illustrated with brush paintings and woodcuts. Let the dishes set on the table exude myriad fragrances Each presaging a special flavour. Balance the yang and yin of textures With crisp morsels, soft delicacies, sauces, soups And the finest pearly rice. (Tsai Shun) A witty and elegant recipe for your next dinner party. MACARONI APOLLO. Find one gentleman with classical profile. Dress in dinner suit for being dined upon, shave off curls and replace then with freshly boiled macaroni. Place under hot grill for 5 minutes and serve. Free copy of this recipe available to first purchaser of a recipe book from this weeks display at the Victoria Book Centre Victoria Book Shop, 15 Mount Street. Telephone 729585/6

Records Punk DEVolves

Devo, Magazine, Ultravox! and XTC are the leading groups (Talking Heads are so brilliant they get a review all to themselves, next week), of the creative side of Punk and New Wave. Their debut albums "Q: Are we not men? A: We are Devo!", "Real Life", "HA—HA—HA" and "White Music", all show a distinctive original approach; nothing like them has ever been heard before (which makes them so hard to describe and categorize), they are as different from Rock as Pink Floyd and Kraftwerk are (both of these groups have unfortunately recently gone to seed somewhat). It is these groups who will assure the future of Punk, and Rock as a whole (i.e. save us from a sea of slime called Disco).

Devo (short for "the Devolutionary Band"; an American group from Akron, who claim (not quite convincingly) to be "the only band playing Modern Music". Their Album (produced by Brian Eno (ex Roxy Music) which influenced its sound) is, I feel, the most important of the four because their music, electronically inclined with subtle rhythms (similar to John Lydon's (J. Rotten) latest group and Album "Public Image" in some ways e.g. disturbing lyrics.)

The title track "Jocko Homo" has a disjointed rhythmic style and beat that is only paralleled by Reggae music. "Mongoloid" is brilliantly intense, like a Stranglers number and the 'version' of the "Satisfaction" song is positively delirious (and probably too funky for Mick Jagger's taste). Devo's image and message of social and environmental decay (Civilisation on the decline); the earth as an industrial waste dump, pollution, mutation, radiation and a general inevitable devolution back to the slime humanity crawled out of, is disturbing, hideous and (in some ways) horrifyingly real. Devo projects an image which is a simile for a science fiction story on life after a nuclear war.

Magazine and Ultravox! are closer in style and technique than any of the others, but nevertheless are original and unique "The Light pours out of me" (by [unclear: m] zine) and "Hiroshima Mon Amour" Ultravox!) for example; "The [unclear: Light] out of me" is a powerful emotional somehow giving an impression of [unclear: ev] haps it's the tone of Howard [unclear: Devqfl] Great tracks abound on Magazine's [unclear: H] Life" LP (eg "Definitive Gaze", [unclear: sho] both sides", Motorcade", "The [unclear: Lfl] pours out of me", and "Parade").

There is wit, style and talent on [unclear: the] bum not shown by other groups [unclear: sML] cerned with delivering a message [unclear: or] ting a powerful emotion reaction [unclear: from] audience (not an easy thing to do [unclear: in] ded music world today). The [unclear: UltnH] bum "HA-HA-HA" has [unclear: immedi] its brilliance that will impress [unclear: any] eluding bigots), only "Rockwrok" [unclear: is] sense mediocre; the rest being [unclear: clefl] triguing tracks with just as recogni [unclear: sed] smart lyrics; "Someone stood [unclear: besi] for a moment in the rain, a [unclear: sillhouj] cigarette and gesture of disdain. I [unclear: feel] dark door open and a sudden [unclear: gho] through, a spark leap from a finger [unclear: this] I knew it must be you, it's you; the who dies every day".

XTC's "White Music" is another [unclear: dis] bum, whose initiative is effervescent, dio's in Motion" is a typical Punk [unclear: n] but from then on in the sound gets [unclear: pre] restively whackier, and generally [unclear: mon] The vocals on "X wines" is [unclear: reminisi] early material of Split Enz vocalist [unclear: the] "Statue of Liberty" carries on the [unclear: F] vein of the music and first side is [unclear: wrap] up with a "version' of "All Along the [unclear: v] Tower" which Dylan would have a [unclear: have] time recognising; a crazy up-tempo [unclear: dis] jointed number (XTC have a real feel that funky sound) and Andy [unclear: Partrid] in some amazing vocal noises. On "[unclear: at] Age", Barry Andrews contributes ([unclear: either] on a "Steam Piano" or a "Clapped-[unclear: out] gan") indelibly. More funk on "I'm [unclear: ged]" (the best track on the album, [unclear: p] more good tracks.

This is only a superficial review of [unclear: a] the progressive sounds around at [unclear: the ment], and the music is so strange and [unclear: eas] hard to describe (that's why I didn't [unclear: go] depth) you've just gotta hear it. So, [unclear: dis] If you don't like disco get into some [unclear: of] It's guaranteed to fracture your [unclear: thou] terns (or is that patterned thoughts?

David Telford

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Discerning Dining

If you happen to be wandering aimlessly around Lambton Quay or tiring of attracting the shopwalker's attention as you handle the expensive crockery in Kirkcaldies's; when a peckish feeling comes on, you might

like to pop into Eliza's in Brandon St. for a delicious morning tea. Then again, you might not. But it's worth a look anyway.

Eliza's provides a general atmosphere of 'good taste' — a pleasant green and white colour scheme, fresh flower arrangements, a few pieces of strategically placed fine old china. The two tall, thin, elegantly dressed, look-a-like ladies who manage the shop look as if they could be made of delicate china too.

However, it is rather a small, pokey place (there's an [unclear: pstairs] section but it's only open at peak times) — not the place to waddle into dripping wet wearing gumboots and parka. Nor is it suitable for private [unclear: consfl] - in fact typical clientele tend to [unclear: mdultffl] loud clear name-dropping. 'I say [unclear: darhifll] I'm most terribly upset that your [unclear: brotfl] the cardinal.....' and so on.

Situated between Kirk's and the [unclear: DIM] Eliza's is in the heart of middle-aged [unclear: nfl] ron country and is frequented mainly [unclear: by] overweight ladies and paunchy [unclear: busine] men who pretend they are on diets but [unclear: the] resist gorging themselves. And the food [unclear: a] suitably attractive and tasteful for this pose — peaches stuffed with cottage [unclear: che] and fresh herbs, quiche Lorraine, [unclear: delicat] wholemeal sandwiches with wholesome fillings, and so on.

The service is the efficient type [unclear: which] encourages you to eat up and leave. [unclear: TWF] open only for morning teas and [unclear: lunches] if you leave your lunch-call until [unclear: twofl] you're likely to be swept up with the [unclear: c]

[unclear: Cryptic] Crossword

Empty crossword

Across

Down

Last Week's Solution

(If you completed last week's crossword you're either a genius or a cheat. 9 across "Dimpled" and 7 down "Lambton" were incompatible. Humble apologies).

Across: 1. Elections 6. Pal 8. Theme 9. Dimpled 10. Year 11. Strident 13. Trendy 14. Pigeon 17. Evenings 19. Gins 22. Termite 23. Overt 24. Eke 25. Nodulated.

Down: 1. Entry 2. Elevated 3. Tees 4. Oddity 5. Somnific 6. Pulse 7. Lambton 12. Addition 13. Trestle 15. Eminent 16. Agreed 18. Eerie 20. Sated 21. Pool.

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[unclear: Student] Rec [unclear: Health] Centre

[unclear: jective] of any "safety" effort on cam-[unclear: rovide] a risk-free environment where [unclear: nd] staff may work and relax without [unclear: ng] themselves.

[unclear: it] is not an object handed on a plate — everyone on campus is "involved" in should be an awareness that working populated area requires precaution on

[unclear: niversity] has a Safety Committee which [unclear: ry] two months. The Secretary of this [unclear: e] is Hugh Lambie. There are three [unclear: litteess:] one which has a special in-[unclear: lisabled] students, a laboratory safety [unclear: e] and an environmental safety sub-comm-[unclear: h] of these meets four or five times [unclear: e] year [unclear: am] average.

[unclear: welcome] comment, suggestions and crit-[unclear: lete] should be directed to the Safety [unclear: high] Lambie, at the Department's Off-suggestions:

entering a classroom or lab look around [unclear: nergency] exit and fire-alarms.

[unclear: don't] fully understand materials you [unclear: ng] with, or the apparatus you've been [unclear: use] enquire from an instructor.

[unclear: lectric] points dry, and away from in-[unclear: e] materials.

smoke, eat, drink or throw things labs.

off gas, water and electricity.

[unclear: on] protective clothing or glasses when

[unclear: work] alone in a lab or workshop after [unclear: ours].

is an organised rescue scheme ready [unclear: to] in case of a major disaster — but don't [unclear: entirely].

Is your training slipping? Is your slipping showing? Eight weeks of term have gone and some of you who religiously embarked on training programmes at the beginning of the term, will now, no doubt, be wondering what happened to your resolve. Well, take heart; it isn't unusual and we don't mind too much. In fact, it would help us a lot if you could come and tell us why your resolve slipped. We can then perhaps help you to re-start. Remember, with exams arriving mid-year, your physical well-being is important and as we have so often said: If you do just the physiological minimum of activity; three twenty-minute sessions per week, then you can only benefit.

Have you tried learning badminton? Some have and have progressed to the social badminton programme on Tuesdays 12 - 2pm. So, for beginners, and we have also spotted a few begin-againers, be in, on Tuesday 10 - 11 am and Friday 10 - 11 and 11 - 12.

News of the long room.....As you are probably aware, we have had big problems with the nets in the long room. Well, we are now close to a new tracking system, which is both, we hope, idiot-proof and student-proof (flattery will get you everywhere). However, please don't try to pull the nets back yet. In particular, people who are itching to use the new basketball backboards down there. You can use them as soon as the tracking system is working.

Beginners squash lessons for this term will soon be coming to an end, so get your name down for Term II.

Monday 2-4pm (on the half hour)

Thursday 2-3pm (on the half hour)

Ask at the Recreation Centre Reception.

The Sauna - \$1 per hour, p'hot, phew! Come and try it when you're feeling wound up or in need of a quick relaxation session.

And more relaxation: Yoga Tuesday 1-2 and Thursday 1-2.

Diet and Sport

Interestingly, there is no evidence to suggest that anything more than a normal diet, ie good food eaten in reasonable quantities, at mealtimes, is necessary for the hard-training sportsman/woman. In fact both research and our own experiences demonstrate that regular exercises will initially depress the appetite to a level where you eat what you need. Centre staff will advise you on diet and on Tuesday afternoon the Centre and the Health Service combine forces to help people with any kind of weight problems. (This does not include people having difficulty clean and jerking 100 kilos. But see Hugh Lawrence about that).

Some teams have defaulted and thus there is room for two more teams.

On the University Open Day, the Recreation Centre will be featuring the infamous mixed fitness class. This will happen on Friday May 25 at 4.00pm. Book that day at that time. More will be featured soon at the Centre about Open Day

Drawing of a body builder

Answers to Quiz No 4

The free Sauna was not claimed or won. I'm afraid the perpetrator of the obscene answer sheet is not the kind of person we would like in the sauna!

The answers were:

- Manchester United of course is not a rugby team. Surprised?
- We've forgotten too, but we think that it is the team calling itself Victoria's Champs
- Strong
- There were [unclear: no]1908 Vladivostok Olympics

Quiz No 5

Again, the free Sauna is offered to the first sheet of correct answers we get by Friday at Reception.

- How many Physical Welfare Officer are there?
- What is a Physical Welfare Officer?

- In basketball, does the term "stuffing" have anything to do with the half-time snack?
- Who said that Transocean Balloning was like passing water with a full bladder?

Film

Muffy the Mechanical Daggit

Battlestar Galactica

Directed by Richard A. Colla Cinerama

Film header

Ladies and gentlemen, the first of the big rip-offs.

Or should I say, the first of the not-quite originals. Or, where have I seen that before?

Up to now we've had three big multi-million dollar special effects movies: Star Wars, Close Encounters of the Third Kind, and Superman.

I liked all three, and I have some measure respect for their creators, partly because these directors (Lucas, Spielberg, and Donner) have a spark of real imaginative originality in their souls (or whatever). Steven Spielberg, for instance, after making the two modestly budgeted [*unclear: featires*] largely ignored by the public (Duel and The Sugarland Express, in case anyone's interested), made Jaws. The rest, as they say, is history. The film was tremendously popular (it's actually very good), and a host of imitators sprang up, menacing small towns with grizzly bears, piranha fish, giant octopi, killer bees, Lindy Cassidy, you name it.

But instead of repeating his success formula (he had nothing to do with the inferior sequel), Speilberg went on to something new in CE3K. Needless to say, there's a welter of visitors-from-space movies soon to reach our already somewhat [*unclear: enophobic*] shores.

Richard Donner, like Spielberg, made a very successful thriller in The Omen. It's one of the very best of its kind, with fantastic special effects and lots of superb chills, so don't miss it when it screens at the Memorial Theatre later this year. Also like Spielberg, Donner didn't have anything to do with the inevitable sequel, instead taking over direction of Superman — a film that, despite its rather shoddy and hurried last half hour, has more moments of brilliant comedy, technical wizardry, thrills and visual beauty than any other work of 'entertainment' for a long while.

I think Donner may be directing the sequel (which is over halfway finished anyway) — in this case, I hope so.

In the Beginning

And so to George Lucas and Star Wars, from whence springs Battlestar Galactica. Lucas, you'll remember, really made his name with American Graffiti, probably the best film I've mentioned so far. And while everyone else milked the trend and started manufacturing 50's nostalgia. George kept his his mind busy with space fantasy.

The phenomenon of Star Wars really gave the industry a shakedown, and all the studios got imitation space epics under way.

Films so dependent os special effects, however, take time to make. Hence the delay between Star Wars and Battlestar Galactica, the first of this 'second generation' to reach the public.

It was made by an American TV network, ABC, as a series of hour-long episodes with a first instalment of movie length, this 'introductory' episode being released throughout the rest of the world as a feature film.

Let it be said right now that Star Wars is a very good film, a paragon of its type. Sure, George Lucas wanted to turn a profit, but he also wanted to revive some of the legends of his childhood and give the kids of today a film they could enjoy, and a film free of the condescension that characterises so many. He has himself said that he hoped his film would stimulate lots of imitations so that there'd be lots more of this sort of entertainment around.

Call me naive, but I believe him.

The powers behind Battlestar, on the other hand, seem to have been only interested in winning the network ratings war, and making lots of lovely extra moola by international syndication.

And they really thought they had a winner. First and foremost they had John Dykstra, who did the effects for Star Wars (even unto developing the innovatory camera-computer link-up christened the Dykstraflex.) The effects he's done for Battlestar Galactica, the space battles, are good most of the time, but not all. Some (explosions particularly) are unsatisfactory, and there's an overall sense of a job done in a hurry — like to beat everyone else to the market.

The same shots are used repeatedly (something I'd hoped to have seen the last of in Thunderbirds), sometimes with the film reversed, sometimes with a different background matted in. There are two major space battles in Battlestar Galactica, one at the beginning and one (of course) at the end. But because of the amount of repeated footage, and the use of the same setting and combatants, there is no build-up of excitement such as Lucas achieved in Star Wars.

Rather, the excitement diminishes. I got bored.

The other ploy used by Battlestar's producers to grab the Star Wars audience (hopefully hungry for more of the same) is the copying of most of the elements found in the earlier film: youthful protagonists, wise patriarchal figure, menacing figure of evil served by metallic stormtrooper guards and ensconced in a terrible space fortress capable of destroying whole [unclear: planets], etc. etc. And most of all, the cute robot. As heir to R2D2, here we have Muffy the mechanical daggit. Say no more.

TV Bastard

But Battlestar Galactica's imitation of Star Wars is faulty. Lucas's film had a kind of purity in its fantasy — it was totally divorced from the 'real world' and was able to exist independently of any standards of 'realism' we might take a fancy to applying to it. Its dialogue was cliched, and genuinely funny as a fond send-up.

The dialogue in Battlestar is trite and cardboard, coming not from any sense of humour but merely the addled brains of writers saturated in the tradition of American prime-time television. Battlestar Galactica was made for American television, and it shows. Quite apart from the numerous cuts indicating intended commercial breaks, injected into the pure fantasy of Star Wars is an unappetizing vein of sexuality, political [unclear: morand] all the other network production values we've come to know so well.

And so we get Lorne Green repeat his Bonanza role and being as god-[unclear: awfl] ever; Jane Seymour doing her [unclear: smould] sexpot routine and giving off as [unclear: muc] as ever; two tall and handsome young pilots doing a passable Starsky and [unclear: Wum] imitation; a cute-as-a-button child [unclear: tu] at the heartstrings of the adults; a [unclear: peal] for single-parent families; two (count [unclear: tl] two) token blacks; a smattering of [unclear: bus] blondes; a pro-American anti-Commie line that makes even Senator McCarthy vaguely socialist; and a few burning [unclear: bol] for comic relief. Try to imagine Star [unclear: teh] meets Chips meets Charlie's Angels [unclear: ma] Swat meets The Waltons'.

I'm getting carried away. Battlestar Galactica does have its good bits - like the [unclear: lon] attack on the city, and the battle on the bridge (stolen from Tolkien, but what [unclear: teh] and the singing trio on the Ovion [unclear: piand] even worth going just for the corny [unclear: waf] about sensurround that introduces the [unclear: i] itself.

Nevertheless, I have it on the very best authorities that it's not as good to see [unclear: st] as Star Wars was - though obviously the bidden weed would improve it no end.

On the whole, give me Luke and [unclear: Leia] day.

Paul Hagan

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[unclear: From] the [unclear: Courts]

Photo of an arched doorway

again the present economic system has landed totally non-typical of-[unclear: n] Court. A 65 year old man ap-[unclear: fore] Mr Beatson, SM, in the [unclear: Wellagistrates] court charged in rela[unclear: te] stealing of five milk bottles, one [unclear: e] and 75 cents. For this petty theft [unclear: ned] \$20 and informed by the

magi-[unclear: it] this was the sort of thing school and that he should be ashamed of The defendant said he was an old [unclear: rt] of money, and that he would again.

[unclear: tagistrate] seemed to be unable to the mischief of schoolboys and the [unclear: m] old man and to inform the defendant that he should be ashamed is absurd. The court is forced to deal with such offenders because the Law is the Law and when it was made there was no allowance made for victims of incompetent Government. However the magistrate could have shown some compassion for a man of the defendants age who is apparently struggling to make ends meet - probably on an insufficient pension. A society which treats it's aged in this manner, does not strike me as civilised.

A Protest Wreath was laid at the main door of the Supreme Court in Auckland last week. The wreath was laid by supporters of Arthur Allen Thomas and carried the inscription: 'In memory of justice, executed here April 16, 1973' the day Thomas was convicted for the second time. Time and again calls have been made for a public enquiry into the whole Thomas affair. This is just another example of the inability of the Government to heed the demands of the people.

A jury represents the people and is supposed to be satisfied beyond all reasonable doubt before convicting a person of a crime. Apparently the juries in Thomas's case were convinced however one can't even rely on that now following the recent results of a jury poll in Wellington (Salient, March 26). Is the Government stalling or even ignoring the Thomas case in the hope that it will all go away? Perhaps they fear the outcry which will follow should Thomas be proved innocent. Muldoon has new evidence presented to him by David Yallop who wrote a book on the case. The evidence was presented to the Prime Minister months ago. The typical silence has ensued since then. It's time something was done, it's time we got rid of the secrets surrounding the Thomas case and it's time for a public inquiry. If the man's guilty that's that but at the moment the case has not been proved beyond all reasonable doubt.

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Chris Conway

Drawing of robbers

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PERSONAL Will the young lady who referred to herself as Phillips and sat next to the young man at the Railway Cafeteria after the Bursary March on April 11 and was escorted on the train to Ngaio please contact Farlam 787-339

[unclear: ister] Tournament

[unclear: r] many hassles about transport and [unclear: ute] cancellations, our Easter [unclear: Tournament] team got to Auckland. Although [unclear: id] won the tournament, Victoria [unclear: ed] competently in many events; second places in the snooker and [unclear: g]. The shooting was of a very high [unclear: d] compared with past tournaments, [unclear: tough] they measured up to the [unclear: ams] on the range, it was not poss-[unclear: Vic] to regain the shooting-drinking [unclear: id] luck Peter Callinicos).

[unclear: ther] team events, Volley Ball was third against very good competition [unclear: uckland] and Canterbury. Fencing [unclear: ne] good individual performances, [unclear: to] lack of numbers Vic was limited [unclear: ig] third in the overall results.

Water Polo competition was hin-[unclear: n] two accounts — one team mem-[unclear: elled] to Auckland — not taking his [unclear: d] did not compete, one other gen-(who shall remain nameless) was run from the pool in the first quar-[unclear: ettle] his stomach and did not re-[unclear: til] the final quarter, by which time a was well behind.

In other sports, Victoria was successful at a minor level, but this was not enough to gain us substantial points.

The all important Drinking Horn was held on Sunday night by a somewhat disorganised Auckland student. But Victoria managed to compete extremely well compared to last year, winning the Boatrace event against Canterbury. In the individual events, Allan Syrupp drank his way to a well deserved second place. Another individual, who has asked to have his name suppressed, gained second place in the open jug in a time of 3.93 seconds.

One disappointment of the tournament was that the cricket was cancelled, due to bad weather. This gave the cricket boys far too much time and as the week progressed things tended to get broken.

Finally my congratulations go to all those members of the Victoria team who in one way or another managed to let Auckland know that the capital city was competing.

Phil Sowman (Sports Officer)

Letters

Dear Sir,

Drawing of a woman writing with a feather quill

It was with amusement that I read the article en-sheathed in your hallowed pages penned by one Brigadier Sir Comrade Simon Wilson (Mrs) on various subjects of topical interest, disinterest and liberal concern.

Amazing really how, over successive weeks, one person can cram so much and so many swinging, leering attacks at the remainder of the human race in so few lines of diatribe - Ah such genius!!!

Particularly informative were his comments on Brierley Investments' takeover operation in Christchurch, and subsequent condemnation of the motivation and purpose of Brierleys. "Vultures" indeed!! The description itself points to an operation in trouble and its incorporation by another more successful concern can only reduce unnecessary duplication and provide better results for customers and the economy as a whole. By acting as intermediary and perhaps catalyst to this transfer, Brierley's have done some good for the economy and after all it is the purpose of any business to return a profit, which Brierley does to an exceptionally effective degree.

However by no stretch of the mental nodes do we want an elite commune of corporate giants; whose managers could arguably run the country slightly better than anything we've seen in the last century; nor, perish the thought, the existence of a unitary ultimate corporation such as China Inc. Or do we Comrade Wilson?

All us anarchistic little pricks need at least something to attack to affirm our own existence or ego's we have nothing else in us but abhorrence at the rest of humanity — I hate meself for existing six days out of seven!!!

But consider your self by no means friendless Ah no!!!

My associates and I will find a very soft spot for you when our revolution sweeps to power. No, not a bog in the north of Ireland but a job, a role, an identity in our new consciousness as a nation!!

Our first task, once in power will be to rescue our mortally wounded economy and make En Zed bountiful, pure and free again.

Naturally, to accomplish this goal some of the worthless organisations which proliferated under our present weak administration will have to get the shop, unfortunate as it may be. Among these are:

- Socialist or otherwise political activists on campus
- moaning on topics most wouldn't give two loose arseholes for.
- C.S.C personell - Kirk 3rd/4th flour - mainly for then unparalleled inefficiency, highhandedness and condescending attitude to the students on whom their jobs depend.
- Cassidy Communist Agression Attack Agency
- Cassidy Non-Bolshy Attack Agency
- Cassidy Everything You Can Think Of Attack Agency
- Rogers Men Over Eight Inches Penal Circumference Attack Agency
- Beach Bros Tampon Cleaners Inc.
- The Pope
- lumberjacks
- car mechanics
- All anthropologists and sociologists
- all persons raving for interminable periods at SRC's, particularly AGM's about what had already been said several times, just to hear the sound of their own voice and to get workable erections / hot flushes for use later.
- anti-abortionists - foetuses do not get the vote under our administration, despite rumours.
- all, repeat all gang members of any type, description or deviance. The Basin Reserve is to be enlarged and African lions imported. \$2 per head entrance, only for matinee audience sessions, - criticising-type writers offering no alternative ideas - only throwing their own shit because they can't live with it.

(Top of the Week - Salient 2/4/79 P3)

Rid of these types of groups, organisations or disorganisations as the case may be, our new doctrine, formulated by Eyertoller Aminie Nhoko Dri-Retch, namely that of "common sense" will be implemented (originating from the Maltese philosophy of "Euk Yer".)

You see without you and yer mates shagging round jerking off audibly arguing about how nobody gets a

fair slice of the pie, which incidentally due to the prevalent verbal diarrhoea is getting successively fucking smaller in real terms, we can get round to improving the fucking shit-hole we're soon to be living in.

So in retrospect I tentatively suggest that people in general (I wouldn't Dare say anyone in particular) stop bitching about things not immediately relevant to our own scene; and stop bitching about and start doing something about our own worries here on home soil. Such things as union action. Incessant strikes don't do a helluva lot for the place except if they go on long enough, then most people will piss off overseas and there will be enough jobs left for all three of us, you, your ego and me. Also to all the tready socio-communo-fuckwit types who dream pipe dreams of better days and better ways - if you like it that much, don't preach it to us ad [*unclear*: useum], piss off over there, don't come back, and leave the rest of us alone to sort out our country.

Well viewers I seem to have vented only a little of me hatred but I'm starting to hate meself for existing again right now - Dunno, must be one of me six days out of seven - y'know?

Cheers,

Sibelius C. Eucknasty.

P.S. How about involving yerself, Lindy, Lamorna, Pete and Andrew in an in-depth study of analgesic testing. You all have lots of openings for it so it would seem.

President Replies

Dear Sir,

I am writing to your esteemed publication concerning the report of the AGM in Salient No 7 April 9 1979.

I think it necessary because of the rather obvious bias of the reporter, who clearly is more concerned with protecting the undemocratic and often fascist niche which the Mao, Trot and so called 'progressive' minority groups have held on this campus to the detriment of most students for over ten years.

The article completely misrepresents my reasons for putting various motions, but that is not entirely unexpected; cynicism about the reporting in Salient has become the norm. Firstly I have no desire to vanquish my critics - criticism is a healthy thing. The question is, and always will be; is it warranted and justified? It is true that it is my job to protect the rights of students. It is also my clear duty to initiate necessary measures to protect these rights which are at present so clearly infringed upon; significantly by the very people who catawaul about 'Democratic Rights'.

Yet these, mostly extreme left wing politicians often of Mao or Trot' leanings, are the very people who have effectively stifled and suppressed the expression of True student opinion on the campus over the years. They are like the Bourbons; they neither see their mistakes nor do they act to correct them. Indeed they do not care, so long as they as a minority control VUWSA not in the interests of the students, but in their own selfish long term so called 'progressive' political interests. My own views are of little concern; I was elected to represent the true student views; not those of a selfish selected minority who have attempted to control VUWSA for years.

Having said this I would like to give my reasons for moving and seconding motions to: Have the Salient Editor elected at SRC. For VUWSA to have no policy on abortion. For VUWSA to have no 'International' policy except that relating specifically to overseas students in New Zealand.

Concerning no policy on abortion. Leaving aside my own personal views on the matter, I believe it is ridiculous to claim that 6000 students here all want abortion on demand, which is what VUWSA policy is at the moment and (N.B.) I Admit I Am Bound to Follow It. I am, however, entitled to seek to change it [*unclear*: democracally] as provided for by the Constitution. Students are just as divided on this issue of profound Moral Social and Religious significance as the rest of the community.

I believe it is wrong to shove or force the views of either extreme lobby down students' throats which is what is happening at the moment. Apart from anything else, it is wrong that students who pay \$43 and who do disagree with the current policy on what I would stress is a very major issue should have to subsidize the cause of one extreme 'lobby' which may be contrary to their personal beliefs in This case. Apart from anything else, a lot of Association money has been wasted by the 'politicos' as usual and the issue has been generally prostituted just like they prostitute almost any issue that comes up.

Concerning the motion to have the Salient Editor elected at SRC: I moved this motion not to curtail the free independent line of Salient which I am quite willing to see protected in the Constitution, as I made clear when

the accounts of Publications Board were centralized, but to increase the access of Salient to the students. At the moment the Salient editor is elected by the small select group of people on the Publications Board who mainly consist of people who either work on Salient or who have worked on Salient in time past.

It is well known that most of these people belong to a select little clique with a certain political 'hue' (usually Maoist in orientation) who have dominated Salient which we all pay for each year in our Students Association fee (\$3.50) per student. I merely propose to go some way to breaking this domination by having the editor elected at SRC. That person's technical competence can be adequately — quietly questioned there as well as his / her political affiliations which seem to have led to a certain plunge in Salient's credibility in past years. Fortunately this year's editor seems to have taken care to some extent not to let his own politics dominate to a ridiculous extent, as was clearly the case last year, but this will not always be the case. If appointment at SRC is seen to make the position of editor as "too political" I would humbly submit that at present it is a blatantly political appointment anyway. After all if the editor was elected at SRC instead of the usual clique, a few more people might be encouraged to put themselves forward for the position!

Concerning the motion to abolish international policy; this motion was seconded by me because this feature of VUWSA above all else has alienated students away from their own Students' Association.

A lot of the policy is completely unrepresentative of student opinion at Vic anyway and is in many cases of 'Mao or Trot' origin — not exactly majority viewpoints on the campus.

This was clearly demonstrated at an SRC which discussed a rubbishy motion on Kampuchea some weeks ago. VUWSA policy should focus on student welfare, your welfare, not on what is going on in Indo—China. After all we are in the middle of an economic crisis — shouldn't we concentrate on this?

I would like to conclude by saying that I do want to curtail free speech on campus. These motions do not prevent forums or discussion on any topic whatsoever, they merely preclude a policy stand on these issues.

The issue is not whether these motions would restrict free speech; the issue is whether a small minority of students with extreme political views (either left or right) should be allowed to dominate the Students' Association at the expense of 6000 others. Nevertheless, I shall continue to represent VUWSA Policy as it stands. Policy is to be taken seriously that is why I bothered to move the motions and to second them in the first place.

Regards,

Andrew Tees (Wellington's Cornerstone of Benevolent Fascism)

P.S. I am prepared to discuss the function of a students' association anytime, with anybody.

Free speech will not be stifled — forums etc. can be arranged anytime to discuss any issue.

(Mr Tees claims that the article Salient published on the AGM "completely misrepresents (his) reasons for putting various motions". As he put forward no arguments for two of the motions (on the Salient Editor and International policy), there were no reasons to "misrepresent". On the Abortion motion, he only spoke briefly, again not putting forward a particularly coherent set of reasons. What the report did attempt to do was to consider very briefly some of the more major consequences of these motions. Our reporters are not psychic - if Mr Tees wants his arguments represented in reports of meetings, he must put them to the meeting.

I do not wish to take issue with other particular points that Mr Tees raises in the letter, an editorial comment seems to me an inappropriate place to do so. I will however take issue with his comments about 'politicos' wasting money and prostituting issues various that arise. It is very easy to sit down at a typewriter and conduct a campaign based on smear and innuendo, to rely on people's personal prejudices, rather than persuasive argument. There is no place in Salient for the type of unsubstantiated allegations that Mr Tees makes here. Salient has a policy of free access to the letters column, with a freedom from the sub-editor's pen, save for comments which contravene the law, and this is why Mr Tees' comments have been printed. I do record however my disgust at having Salient "Used" as a vehicle for this type of remark, they would certainly not be acceptable, in any article printed in Salient, -ed)

Catholicism at Home

Dear Sir,

The letter of G. Herrington entitled "Mexican Catholicism v. the State" (2.4.79) makes the point that the hierarchy consider the Catholic church as the only institution competent to carry out the education of youth. Their aim is to make all learning conform to the tenets of Catholicism. This includes the propagating of Catholic morality. Catholic social policy (e.g. global energy crisis rather than global population crisis) and the Catholic interpretation (or rather distortion) of history.

The basic principles were set forth explicitly in one of the "great" papal encyclicals, "Christian Education of Youth" (meaning Catholic education of youth) of December 1929. The Pope says, "greater stress must be laid on the employment of apt and solid methods of teaching, and, what is still more important, on bringing into full conformity with the Catholic faith, what is taught in literature, in the sciences, and above all in philosophy, on which depend in great part the right orientation of the other branches of knowledge." For instance, when the scientific method conflicts with Catholic doctrine, the scientific method is deemed to have been incorrectly applied and is thus discarded in favour of Roman Catholic doctrine.

Drawing of a woman with a baby inside her bathrobe

Another significant feature of this "great" en-[unclear: clical] is that it contains what appears to be the earliest reference to "Catholic Action". Catholic Action describes itself as "religious" on the assumption that issues such as education belong under the control of the church rather than the state. Although the motivation of Catholic Action is religious, its methods are political in that its aim is to influence people such as cabinet ministers, departmental officers in the Public Service, and of course the general public. Some of the methods of Catholic Action are heavy-handed, particularly the threat of a Catholic boycott as a form of blackmail (e.g. as used on the Manawatu Evening Standard last year).

The Catholic designs on education are not confined to countries like Mexico. The principle: applies throughout the western world, in short, wherever there are Catholics. In countries like USA and Australia the Catholic schools are run by the church and with considerable state aid, while in countries like England and New Zealand we have the plausible process of "integration" in which the state assumes a large part of the financial burden while the "special character" of the Catholic schools is maintained. In addition, integration facilitates the gradual reorientation of the state school system in accordance with Catholic doctrines and policies.

The principle of a Christchurch Catholic Secondary college (Br Waigh of St Thomas of Canterbury College) in an end of year address to parents and friends put it this way: "Integration offers a second challenge, this is to share out Catholicity with others. Through integration Catholic schools become part of the state system of education and will receive the opportunity to voice an opinion in educational matters." So far, so good, but later comes the punch-line which tells us what integration is all about: "Let us then be prepared to share out Catholic vision, to carry our Catholic influence beyond our Catholic schools and make integration a force for good for all."

Having established the aim of integration "..... to carry our Catholic influence beyond our Catholic schools....." it becomes the task of Catholic Action to put these principles into practice. Among the organisations involved in this programme are the Catholic Women's League, the Legion of Mary and the Knights of the Southern Cross. (This secret society, with about 700 members in key positions, is roughly the Catholic equivalent of the Freemason's Lodge). One of the remits accepted by the KSR at their annual conference in Hamilton late last year was that "The KSC endorses the principle of integration of New Zealand Catholic schools into the government system, and it requires branches to adopt as a priority this year, and in such years as integration is being effected, the active encouragement of lay people to make themselves available for election to integrated school committees and councils, thus ensuring that the special character of Catholic schools is maintained." The last phrase of this remit is true but not the whole truth: the infiltration of Catholic Action into integrated committees and councils ensures that the Catholic influence is carried beyond the Catholic schools and shared with others, whether the others want it or not.

To summarise, we see that integration is effected by (1) pressure on cabinet [unclear: miniitei] departmental officials by official Catholic [unclear: J Hons,] and (2) stacking integrated school [unclear: eg], teams, councils and the like by members of [unclear: C][unclear: lie] Action. Finally, the concern shown by [unclear: j] dents about the affairs of South Africa and [unclear: nam] is fair enough, but it's about time that [unclear: dents] started to take notice of what is going behind the scenes in our own country.

Yours,

Donald J. Beswick.

Right to Life

Dear Ed,

In the Salient of April 9 an anonymous [unclear: i] writer challenged Salient editorial staff to [unclear: in] a "Right to Life" supporter to present that [unclear: ticular] view to balance the rather lengthy [unclear: pr] abortion argument of Lamorna Rogers print in the Salient of 29 March.

What follows is an outline of why "Right Life" supporters believe their view is worth a ting:-

A major subtlety used by pro-abortionists what could be described as the "de-[unclear: humanism] of the unborn child. It is much easier to [unclear: disp] of a "hunk of undeveloped flesh" than to [unclear: ran] an unborn child. You may feel that to [unclear: dfieri] abortion as murder is a little emotive. Have [unclear: y] ever listened to the feature on the "Seals and Crofts" album "Unborn Child"? It beckons [unclear: t] mother to consider her actions before [unclear: abortin] This is a message to all prospective mothers [unclear: A] where. The point "Seals and Crofts" made [unclear: w], that the unborn child is a Human Life: [unclear: wk]

Take in these facts.....

- At fertilisation, when the 23 sperm [unclear: chros] some join the 23 ovum chromosomes, a new being is created who is unique in structure. [unclear: new] ver before and never again will such a [unclear: combias] tion be in existence. A maturation process [unclear: con] into motion:
- The heart beat begins the eighteenth and twenty-fifth day.
- After eight weeks the brain is completely [unclear: p] sent. Electrical brain waves have been [unclear: record] as early as forty days.
- At nine to ten weeks the child swallows [unclear: and] moves its tongue.
- By eleven to twelve weeks the child is [unclear: sin] its thumb vigorously.
- By six and half weeks all twenty milk-[unclear: tee] buds are present.

These overwhelming facts are prima facie [unclear: en] dence of the humanity of tile unborn child. [unclear: But fore] any woman undergoes an abortion it is [unclear: I] portant she realises she is partaking in the [unclear: extion] of such a human life. "Right to Life" [unclear: si] porters primarily believe abortion is a wrong [unclear: be] cause they regard unborn human life to be [unclear: w] protecting. In the words of Albert [unclear: Schweitzi] "If a man loses reverence for any part of life, [unclear: he] will lose his reverence for all of life."

There are many subsidiary issues one might cover in such an outline of "pro-life" views [unclear: h] ever sufficient has been written to outline [unclear: the] sis of such a conviction.

A pro-life supporter

Your money man Richard Starke Bank of New Zealand Wellington Branch Richard Starke at the Bank, of New Zealand is always willing to talk to you about your financial problems He known it's tough for a student to make ends meet these days. If you've got a special financial problem call into our campus office and arrange a time for a chat. You'll find an understanding attitude backed by solid, practical help and advice You might be surprised at just how much we can do for you. Advice is free at the Bank of New Zealand So, if there's a financial problem worrying you talk it over with us. We'll do out best to help. Call at the BNZ on-campus office and arrange to see Richard Starke or phone him direct at BNZ Wellington branch, corner Lambton and Customhouse Quays, phone 725-099. Bank of New Zealand Here when you need us - on campus

More Catholicism

Dear Sir,

I would like to make a few points in [unclear: reip] to G. Herrington's letter in 2 April edition.

1. The charity of members of the Catholic [unclear: C] of which the desire to improve the livelihood people is but a small part, is visible to any one wants to look for it. Mr Herrington can visit [unclear: mas] of the hospitals, orphanages, homes for old [unclear: people], established in New Zealand by members [unclear: of] the Catholic Church, he can accompany [unclear: mem] of the St Vincent de Paul Society in any [unclear: pari] as they visit the sick and lonely or he can [unclear: examine] the accounts of the Mission-Aid societies [unclear: mas] in the telephone book. [unclear: at] such charity is not perfect cannot be [unclear: t] but this imperfection in no way [unclear: contra ki] fact that this charity is one of the "[unclear: dut-] Catholic life.

[unclear: tbermore] the responsibility for the [unclear: reporlon] of the Church in Mexico lies prim-[unclear: is] the shoulders of the Mexican bishops [unclear: ii] unfair to blame Catholics anywhere [unclear: evn] the laity in Mexico) for them. Mr [unclear: gton] would take exception to my blaming [unclear: or] the mistakes of the Muldoon government and yet the relative positions are the same.

[unclear: re] reported action of the Priest in Mexico [unclear: RLV] understandable. The Church has many

objections to secular education and it [unclear: indt] its Priests to guard the faith of their

[unclear: iaim] that the Church controls the modern [unclear: is] sheer nonsense, since if she does have [unclear: ontrol] how is it that her enemies get such [unclear: ng]?

his quote of Henri Beranger I would pre [unclear: hat] Mr Herrington would have no [unclear: objeect] my "putting him down", since I consider [unclear: ifrction] represented by his views to be as [unclear: ooabk] as the Church's views are to him.

[unclear: ny] of the comments made in this letter [unclear: ply] to the non-Catholic Christain Chur-[unclear: owever] Mr Herrington is entirely correct [unclear: itrating] on the Catholic Church for it in this Church one expects to find per-[unclear: llowers] of Christ's teachings.

Yours,

Catholic Student

[unclear: Letter] from South East Asia

[unclear: Letter],

It sometime since I wrote you last, so I [unclear: I'd] just drop in a line to say Hi and to you and your readers about how things [unclear: lis] part of the liberated world.

[unclear: he] moment I'm touring South-Western [unclear: i] (formerly known as Kampuchea). In [unclear: r] writing this letter from Pnom-Penh. [unclear: ny] first visit here since this region was [unclear: d] and unified with the patriotic father-Comrade Heng Samrin and compatriots.

[unclear: nr] I end this letter, here is a word of [unclear: g] to the Chinese left-imperialistic [unclear: aggorces] led by Cowboy Deng Xiaoping, [unclear: ritinuc] to occupy parts of the sacred [unclear: y] of Vietnam: we waged a successful war [unclear: inst] the Colonialist French for a [unclear: cen-nother], even more successful and pun-[unclear: r] against the imperialist yanky [unclear: aggressive] 30 years and it is only a matter of time you, the Mao-suited chinks will have [unclear: m] to be sorry. Cowboy Deng Xiaoping, [unclear: l] be punished!

Yours in comradeship,

Pham van Dong

[unclear: we] are planning to set up a service to tran-[unclear: lient] into Vietnamese. At the moment [unclear: cstary] staff are getting trained.

[unclear: Fifth] Dimension

Sir,

[unclear: se] I beseech you, provide space in your [unclear: illuminating] (?) tabloid for a special co-[unclear: op] Who should provide this column, you might one other than the most entertaining (dare [unclear: ncroversial]) Miss /Ms Kathy Drysdale. We extra dimension in our Student Newspaper.

Yours in anticipation.

Miss/Ms P.S. Crowther.

[unclear: Ale's] Modesty Exposed

[unclear: Dear],

[unclear: d] myself replying this week to two of the [unclear: n] your April 2nd issue. Firstly permit me too-difficult task of destroying any ves— [unclear: ntelligence] that Miss/Ms/Kathy (and what official title, may I ask, is a Kathy?) Drys-[unclear: r] had.

[unclear: us] first examine his/her/its so-called natu-[unclear: esty]. The only thing naturally modest [unclear: jthy] Dysdale is the way in which she [unclear: p] the gap between her ears. Furthermore that Drysdale is amenable to the over—of her aforementioned natural modesty [unclear: itde] pecuniary assistance. Then later on [unclear: iter] she has the unmitigated gall to ac-of frequenting 'the company of well— [unclear: rvatives] and National Party mem-[unclear: n] going so far as suggesting that I am a conservatism'. If her willingness to [unclear: ac] aforementioned financial assistance does [unclear: ler] her akin to these modern-day mercena-[unclear: now] not what does!!!!

[unclear: architectural] appreciation; in that she [unclear: at] I am a pillar is indeed correct; but [unclear: onservatism,] instead a pillar of truth, jus-[unclear: d] integrity.

[unclear: illy] she suggests that the status quo is 'vee-[unclear: left]. Her brand of logic is rather hard [unclear: we] but I gather that because I am supposed [unclear: dent]Right wing conservative this fact has [unclear: a] drift to the Left. I assume that she is [unclear: ng] that my political opinions are of such [unclear: pidity] that no one would wish to be as-[unclear: tance] with them. I assure her rather that my political opinions are as sound as possible in this era of totally ineffectual politicians.

Finally I would like to suggest that if she places so much store in rumour as to base her entire communication upon what one of her asinine friends tells her, then she should listen some time to what was said about her intellect.

LAST ADVICE FOR 75 MILES

In this the second part of my letter, I feel compelled to reply to the letter published by one B.C. Kelly, wherein he /she /it criticizes those of us enlightened enough to use umbrellas as 'foul hordes', and indeed possessors of 'unwieldy contraptions' and 'vicious and barbaric relics of a more brutal age' B.C. obviously would find life a lot easier shut in a nice white room pondering the intricacies of basket weaving. He/she/it obviously has never really studied the marvellous intricacy that is an umbrella. Obviously these marvels of engineering are not 'unwieldy contraptions' at all. B.C. Kelly is just a tired reactionary who has found something new to whine about, and as such I dismiss him/her/it.

I remain.

Your Most Humble and Obedient

Servant,
P. O'Donoghue.

The STB Guarantee

Dear Editor,
How are you? I am well.

Well onto more serious things, in last week's issue of Salient I noticed in the President's column that the Executive had on our behalf agreed to guarantee our share of the overdraft for Student Travel Bureau to a much greater extent Surely a decision of this magnitude should have been referred to a student meeting as it involves a sizeable quantity of our money. If Student Travel goes bust we will have to pay this money out of Our Fees. This is not such an unlikely possibility as this company has lost out badly in the past due due to the mismanagement by the directors of Student Travel in the past. Some of these incompetents are still in the company a friends of mine from Otago tells me. Still it's only student money so what the hell? Perhaps the idiots on the executive who made this decision could explain themselves.

In fact I think that students have deliberately been kept in the dark about the finances of the Students' Association and of NZUSA. At an SRC, which was reported in Salient very well last week, it was mentioned that NZUSA had a lot of debts to pay off and that we had to get a mortgage to cover it so we could keep the Student Union House where al the heavies hang out. Why is this?

Also last week the cartoons on the front of 'Salient' were good, but really motions on Kampuchea (can you push her?) are a bit of a waste of time aren't they, I mean does somebody really take this rubbish seriously or are you having me on?

Love,

Klaptrap.

P.S. I ammmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmmm going to write boring letters to Salient every week till you close down and until those Womens Rights people shut up and go home and do the washing and put the kids to bed.

(Salient will be running a large article on the Student Travel Bureau next term after the May Council of NZUSA, when the presentation of the Annual Accounts will make STB's financial position clear - ed.)

A Better Solution for Rhodesia?

Dear Sir,

This letter is to put forward an American view on the Rhodesian situation - I am speaking as some body who has actually been there not as some self appointed 'authority' who has nothing to support his claims except what he read in the papers.

There is now a new embassy of the United States in Rhodesia: America's Embassy of Goodwill. The seal on the door of this embassy is one depicting the American Eagle with one crippled wing. This signifies US Government attempts to na[*unclear*: nus] Americans fighting in Rhodesia although there is no such interference visited on Americans fighting; in other armies, for instance the Israeli Army. The Crippled Eagle is perched on a red, white, & blue shield. In the Eagle's talons is an FN rifle, the standard weapon of the Rhodesian army and the quill pen signifying the truth being told about this war against communist terrorism.

I am distressed that the Byrd amendment was repealed and that the Carter Administration saw fit to buy second grade chrome for double the price from the enemy, rather than trade with a friendly nation.

The so called Diplomats who would solve the problems facing [*unclear*: Rhodesia,] problems that will ultimately have to be faced in America, do so at a distance of 12,000 miles or more, refusing to establish first echelon representation here. They do irreparable harm to the entire free world.

Unfortunately, as some Americans have now realized, a great tide of racial trauma, mindless and irrational, has swept over our country — drowning reason and sober reflection in its wake. Because of deep seated problems in America, exacerbated by racist rhetoric on the part of one of America's highest ranking diplomatic officials, it seems impossible for the American government to perceive that the conflict in Rhodesia in 1979 is not racial it is ideological. Will a moderate majority government dedicated to democratic principles be farmed in Rhodesia or will the Marxists, backed by Russia and China, and to some degree the US, through the barrel of a gun bring their minority black rule? We have seen the results of the latter in Mozambique Angola and Cuba.

There can be little doubt in any informed person's mind that, if all countries were to normalize their relations with Rhodesia, at this point in history, she would be in a position to solve her problems from within, among her own citizens black and white. Such a move would be a great boost for the economy of Rhodesia and those who trade with her and ensure that a Marxist one-man-one-vote-one-time government does not come into power.

Nick Moore.

P.S. If any readers want to contribute money to help get the truth about Rhodesia out to the Western Public just send it to: The American Embassy of Good Will, 2 Ross, Salisbury, Rhodesia.

Tree Felling

Dear Sir,

Could you please make inquiries and publicise the name of the imbecile who ordered the mutilation of the pohutuka was which grow along the side of the Union Building. Any person who could approve the vandalization of those magnificent trees must be totally devoid of environmental values, or even common sense. Generations of students passing through this university over the next decades are going to regret the despicable action of the person responsible.

Yours truly,

Bogor.

A Flash Recipe

Dear human,

It has come to my attention that SASRAC does not supply the best drink in the galaxy. I refer, of course, to the superb Pan-Galactic Gargle-blaster, invented by an inhabitant of Sirius IV called ZaefoddBeeblebrox who shares three of the same mothers with his half brother Ford Prefect.

I want to know why you are depriving students of this delicious beverage, especially since the recipe is freely available from Mogadebu House, Mogadebu, Sinus IV; enclosing \$12 for the recipe and \$12,947,063,841,702,133.67 for postage.

Yours Intergalactically,

Flash Gordon

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On Tanzania/Uganda Conflict

Dear Editor,

In the last issue of Salient (April 2) "International Correspondent" writes about the invasion of Uganda by Tanzania. The anonymous correspondent expresses interest in hearing the socialist point of view, and I would like to take up this challenge.

The invasion must be condemned as a blow against the people of Uganda and against all Blacks struggling for their liberation in other African countries. "International Correspondent" states that: "No doubt Patrick Mulrennan and the Socialist Action League will transpose their analysis of South East Asia on the present situation in Africa — that Tanzania is "saving" its own revolution by invading Uganda, just as Vietnam is doing to Kampuchea".

However, it is hard to imagine what "revolution" is being defended by the Nyerere government. Although regarded by some a socialist, Nyerere's "socialism" consists only in trying to expand economic production through some enterprises run jointly by the state and by foreign companies, and some rural cooperatives.. Nyerere has tied the Tanzanian economy to the world capitalist market.

But the key to understanding the Tanzanian/ Ugandan situation lies in the support given to the Tanzanian invasion by the imperialists in Washington and London. The March 7 issue of the "Wall Street Journal" makes their position clear when it quotes an unidentified Western diplomat as saying: 'A Uganda that is friendly towards the West would obviously be a welcome addition in efforts to achieve a politically and economically stable Africa".

While no attempt can be made to excuse the repression used by Amin to rule Uganda, the hypocrisy of America and Britain should be exposed. The CIA, British intelligence and the Israeli secret police were all involved in helping Amin overthrow Obote, the former Ugandan ruler. Amin, once in power, used repression to stifle all dissent in Uganda — but British, French and American imperialists continued to arm and fund his regime.

It was only when Amin broke ties with Israel in 1972 and expropriated a number of local and foreign-owned businesses that Washington and London suddenly "discovered" Amin's suppression of democratic rights. Their support for the invasion is not motivated by this hypocritical concern, but rather London and Washington wish Amin to be replaced by a more reliable bulwark against the African revolution.

Although America has taken some action against Uganda — for instance, a trade embargo was introduced in October 1978 — the current situation illustrates well how America is obliged to use other states, in this case Tanzania, to further their interests in the world.

With the defeat of American forces in Indo-China, America lost its ability to be the supreme "world policeman" and watchdog of imperialism. Powerful mass antiwar sentiment in the United States made the political risk of continuing the war unacceptable. The antiwar movement, in the US and around the world (including New Zealand) thus became the ally of the Indochinese and others wishing to liberate themselves.

An example of the continuing political risk to America if it intervenes militarily can be seen in the events surrounding the Iranian revolution. The US was forced to sit idly by while the Shah and his supporters were removed. This weakness forces America to give support to other countries acting in its interests. There have been many recent examples — for example, South Africa's involvement in Angola in 1975, or Somalia's invasion of Ethiopia in 1977.

Now it would appear that Tanzania has joined the group of countries whose actions support American interests. Meetings between Nyerere and US and British Ambassadors, as well as aid given by the US to Tanzania, confirm the close links among these three countries. Behind the recent invasion we should see the moves being made by the US to get a more "reliable" leader in Uganda — and it is this aspect of the invasion which poses the greatest threat to the people of Africa.

If "International Correspondent" wishes to find comparisons between the Tanzanian invasion and other recent conflicts, it would Not be appropriate to look at the Vietnamese-backed overthrow of the Pol Pot regime in Kampuchea. That was vehemently opposed by the United States. There is more similarity with the Chinese invasion of Vietnam — which, like the Tanzanian invasion of Uganda, had tacit American backing.

Yours,

Peter Brockway.

How about a Representative Salient?

Dear Sir,

It is through the letters pages of your organ that I wish to voice a long-standing question. Why is it that Victoria University's students put up with the unmitigated bullshit that cmenates from Salient week after week, year after year.

Last year we had to put up with Simon Wilson and his political viewpoints, this year Mr Beach we have to put up with yours. Would it be too much to ask if, just for once we could hear about something other than China, Kampuchea Vietnamese aggression. I have come to the point where I would even be happy with Paul Norman and his bloody whales!

It's not that these issues don't concern me - they clearly affect everyone, but for a mere 15 cents we can read the same information in the newspapers and watch it on the television. What happened to the good old days of the Thorndon Apathy / Anarchy League, The Black Clump, The Aadvark Friendly Society, and all the other institutions that made Salient readable.

I will end this literary gem, with a plea to you, Mr Beach, keep your ideology in the editorial, where it rightly belongs, let Salient once more be Truly Representattve of the student masses. Anyone reading the thing at the present might be forgiven for thinking, that we are all trendy lefties, agnostics, punk rockers and what have you, long live Andrew (Che) Tees, and I hope you continue in good health.

Lots and lots of love

Sarah W.

A Balanced View

Dear Editor,

In Leonie Morris' letter to Salient of March 26, she disagrees with the view expressed by Peter Brockway and myself on Indochina. She correctly indicates that the differences between her approach — which is based on 100% support for Chinese actions — and ours, hinge on how we see the relative role of the US and the USSR in the world today.

David Murray, in his two Salient articles on the Indochinese conflicts, also pushes the Chinese view that the Soviet Union is the main threat to peace. The tone that he and Morris assumes is very reminiscent of cold war McArthyism, and in fact the effect of their arguments relies to a large extent on appeals to anti-Soviet prejudice. But Murray does try to present evidence for the "Soviet expansionism" that apparently threatens to eclipse the United States.

Murray says that since 1975 the Soviet Union has succeeded in establishing new spheres of influence in "Angola, South Yemen, Afghanistan and now more obviously, in Vietnam". Now what does each of these countries have in common? In Angola, Ethiopia, South Yemen, Afghanistan and Vietnam, we have seen radical transformations of economic and social life — both in the nationalisation of important industries and financial institutions, and in extensive land reforms. In other words, the Soviet Union, this so-called "imperialist power", is tied to countries whose populations have lessened their dependence on imperialism, and taken important steps along the road to genuine independence.

Furthermore, the Soviet assistance has to some extent helped in the defence of these anti-imperialist measures. In Angola the assistance has helped that country to resist South African and Rhodesian attacks; in Ethiopia a US-backed Somali invasion was repelled; in South Yemen an offensive by North Yemeni feudal elements, backed by the US and Saudi Arabia, is being resisted; and in Afghanistan repeated attacks by feudal remnants, combined with a threatened economic blockade, are being resisted; and in Vietnam the assistance was quite crucial in the defeat of the US-backed Thieu regime.

It does mean, however, that we cannot call the Soviet Union's actions Imperialist (by which I mean that they are not the result of a drive to conquer new markets and sources of raw materials, through the irresistible expansion of the internal economy.) They are the actions of a post-capitalist country with a conservative and undemocratic government, which seeks to gain 'spheres of influence' to give it some bargaining power with the genuine imperialist nations, headed by the United States.

None of these regimes are puppets of the USSR. In Afghanistan, for example, the pro-Soviet Parcham faction has been purged from the leadership of the ruling People's Democratic Party. And it is absurd to say, as David Murray does, that the Soviet Union has "turned China into a semi-colony". Since 1977, when China was hailing Vietnam as a great socialist country, the only significant change in the economic structure has been in the South, where 30,000 firms were nationalised — an extremely positive step, which neither China nor its mouthpieces in New Zealand have given any recognition. You can't define a country as a colony, just because it receives Soviet loans and military assistance.

This doesn't mean that Soviet foreign policy is based on an enthusiastic support for the revolutions warming up in those countries. On the contrary, in all the above countries, save Vietnam, the Soviet Union is backing the middle class regimes, who are actually holding back the full socialist transformation of their countries. These regimes have used quite severe repression to slow down the revolutionary process.

In this, the Soviet Union is no different from China - which tried to gain its own 'sphere of influence' in Kampuchea.

The truth is that the Chinese government itself does not believe its own rhetoric about the Soviet Union constituting the main danger. The Chinese felt free to invade Vietnam because they calculated that the Soviet Union would not commit its troops. To quote the "Far Eastern Economic Review": "Twelve days after the launching of the campaign the Soviet reaction was limited to some verbal warnings and the dispatch of a dozen ships to the South China Sea. Sin Wan Pao (a pro-Peking Honk Kong paper - PM) said that Moscow would not intervene because it was not yet ready to fight a nuclear war, while there was not certainty of its victory in a conventional war with China".

Yours sincerely,

Patrick Mulrennan.

The Boyd-Wilson Carpark

Peter,

It was interesting to hear at the AGM on Wednesday was that Phil Sowman (Sports Officer) considers the Boyd-Wilson playing field to be, for all intents and purposes, useless. (Or words to that effect).

He mentioned that the field was closed for last year's entire winter period, and it is apparent to all that the field is at this point already closed, perhaps for this year's entire autumn and winter season. It is also obvious that there exists a chronic lack of parking for cars at this university. In the last month Jamieson's Towaways must have made a fortune towing away cars parked illegally (but mainly harmlessly) in Wai-te-ata Rd. Is that the solution to the university's parking problems?

What I suggest be done is to turn the entire Boyd-Wilson field into student parking. Access could be reasonably gained through Wai-te-ata Rd, and with some minor engineering a road could also be extended from Kelburn Parade.

So what do we as students want? A useless field for the jocko homo's among us, or some convenient parking for the rest of us? (the jocks a lead park down on that part of the road.)

William Donald McDonald

A Loving Touch

Dear Editor,

I use the pages to unite Romeo (Monroe Simmons) with Juliet. Romeo, you seem really sweet, and modest too; a virtue possessed by few these days. I am willing to be your Juliet, but there is a problem. I wish to marry a lawyer. Is your need sufficient to change your degree? The rewards will definately be worth the effort!

Yours hopefully,

J.C. Apulet

MAS, More Information

Dear Sir,

I am surprised that Michael Anda has come out out strongly in support of the M'sian Govt, during the recent Malaysian Airline System (MAS) dispute by presenting his other side of the argument.

Michael's insidious little bit of union bashing is a gross oversimplification of the entire industrial dispute. He suggested that the whole thing started because 4 or 5 aircrew of a flight reported in sick, followed by sabotage attempts on MAS aircrafts. Far from that, workers' discontent has been simmering for the last 3 years. Michael fails to see the root of the problem - low wages and a steady deterioration in working conditions. To give examples of what I mean, a worker was sacked because he refused to do overtime on his day off! Others were told to work even during their meal-breaks. There has been no wage increase during the past 3 years and no standard of living adjustments either. These are the causes of the dispute, not Asian, flu.

As for sabotage of MAS aircrafts. There is to date no evidence to show that the Airline Employees Union (AEU) was responsible for the alleged "sabotage". In fact there isn't even any concrete evidence that aircrafts have been tampered with, though such so called "sabotage" was rather eagerly reported in all the leading newspapers in M'sia which are little more than mouth-pieces for the ruling party.

What Michael also failed to point out is that the Govt, used the excuse of "sabotage" to ground the airline and deregister the union. 18 union officials were then arrested, and are still held in detention. 20 were sacked and 221 were suspended. A recruiting exercise to fill 500 jobs was then advertised and new workers were paid a substantially higher wage scale than those currently suspended. In fact they were even paid higher than what the union has asked for in the first place.

Michael's defence of the Malaysian Government overkill is incomprehensible. Surely he does not suggest that the present detention of the 18 union officials under the Internal Security Act, without trial and for an indefinite period as warranted? The go-slow by AEU was in no way a danger to essential services. Roads and rail links remained opened throughout the dispute.. In fact even air services were kept opened until the government stepped in.

To add to my other side of the story, a few "scab workers under the direction of the ruling UMNO's Labour Bureau set up a 'new' union when the government deregistered the AEU. Surprise, surprise, the 'new' union was based in one of the suites in the plush expensive [unclear: Hon] Jaya Puri. Guess who footed the bill?

The latest attempt by the Malaysian [unclear: Government] to crush legitimate organised labour is [unclear: pari] of the plan to ensure that the industrial climate is conducive to foreign investors. In the MAS dispute, AEU had the support of the powerful National Electricity Board Union, the 4 Port Kelang waterside unions with a combined total of 10,000 waterside workers and even the support of the pro-Govt. Malaysian Trade Union Congress (MTUC). The Port Kelang waterside workers had already expressed support for AEU and as result troops were deployed on the waterfront as a show of strength.

If the huge deployment of troops on the [unclear: wa] waterfront in Port Kelang to intimidate the [unclear: whar] (there wasn't even a strike there!) and the [unclear: detestation] without trial of union officials are not [unclear: str] arm tactics, tell me what is?

Mana Keadilan

Chung

Cafe Gripes

Dear Sir,

I wish to complain about the standard of food and drink in the cafe facilities. Briefly they [unclear: are] disaster.....What does the Catering Manager [unclear: or] the Union staff think they are playing at???

[unclear: I viously] the whole outfit is badly managed if [unclear: It] at a loss. One dollar 25c out of our fees I [unclear: naj] goes towards paying off past losses as a result [unclear: of] past incompetence. At an SRC I heard that [unclear: kl] year the catering only made a profit of about [unclear: 2] thousand dollars - pretty pathetic isn't it It's [unclear: of] vious that going by today's costs and inflation [unclear: en] that the cafe is going to run at a loss again this [unclear: year] What's being done about it? The prices [unclear: contafl] to rise and students continue to receive a basic very poor catering service. I don't think the [unclear: al] grounds can have been changed for ages for [unclear: inst]

At the Restoration Cafe in the Gym I can [unclear: m] a bloody nice cup of coffee in a real cup for [unclear: ol] 30c as opposed to a watery one in the Union [unclear: and] I know which one I prefer.

When you go to the Union to the cafe, the place smells and is obviously dirty. The staff [unclear: til] serve are not exactly inspiring either. Instead [unclear: of] talking about all this political shit at SRC's [unclear: which] is so very boring why can't students discuss [unclear: the] shitty conditions in the cafe, come to think of [unclear: ll] why doesn't Salient spearhead a campaign to get better cafe services? I suppose being political [unclear: SI] more interesting to the fascist left wing clique [unclear: which] run Salient and who are naive enough to think [unclear: tb] students are taken in by all the Maoist crap in [unclear: salient;]

And what do I get for my 43 dollars anyway? — a load of old rubbish in Salient and at SRC which don't interest me or the vast majority of [unclear: ll] dents anyway. I am pissed off.....got the [unclear: rneall] try and threw most its psople out the door', It

Ripped off student

Dear Sir,

I would like to comment on some of the [unclear: bass] misconceptions in Don Carsons article on [unclear:]

Egyptian] - Israeli Peace Treaty (VoL 47 No 7)

- "The well armed and prepared army of [unclear: the] Jewish state of Israel' he refers to consisted of [unclear: u] one hundred thousand untrained men so well [unclear: all] they had 2 cannons and 1 aircraft with no [unclear: bom]
- He says 'the Zionists hijacked an entire [unclear: country] and threw most its people out the door'. [unclear: It] was in fact their fellow Arabs that told the [unclear: Pakfl] tinians to leave so they could return home soon after with the victorious Arab armies. Of course it didn't occur to them that they may not be [unclear: vfl] torious and that they would have a large number of 'brothers' without a home, or maybe it did. After all the poor Palestinian refugee is a great political weapon for the Arabs.
- He says that the Peace Treaty shows 'that Zionist ambition is not dead but only changed the nature of its tactics'. He is right about the fact that Zionist ambition has not changed - that is to have a Jewish state in Israel and to live in peace with its Arab neighbours. As far as I can see the tactics have not changed, Israel is still trying to bring about peace by negotiation and not by more fighting.
- If 'The PLO formula had been to create a democratic, secular and unitary Palestine to enable the Palestinian Arabs and Israeli Jews to co exist in one national area', I ask, what do they plan to do with the Jews that they believe have no right to live in Isreal?

(Jews that did not live in Israel prior to 1948 numbering about 2,500,000). What kind of [unclear: del] cracy would they have? The kind that exists in Lybia, Syria, Iraq, or maybe Iran. Yasser [unclear: Arabfl] will get elected unopposed (or else) and then [unclear: dfl][unclear: mocratically] decide to execute all the enemies of the people.

Finally I would like to express a hope that the leaders of other Arab Nations will join Sadat and Begin so that wars in the Middle East will be a [unclear: teir] of the past.

Yours sincerely,

E. Harmor.

Middle East

are some points in Don Canons article [unclear: middle] East Treaty" Salient 9th April which [unclear: d] of serious investigation. To suggest 'Zionists hijacked an entire country' is [unclear: narration]. (1) Israel has been seen over [unclear: 000] years as home of the Jewish people [unclear: li] being their nationalism which articulates [unclear: -am] of escaping from a minority status (in [unclear: V] have lived for 2,000 years) to return to [unclear: e] of land which they saw as their homeland [unclear: hipek]. (2) Present day Israel was not an [unclear: in] try but only a part of the British mandate.

as saying that they "threw most of its, [unclear: it] the door" that is an outright lie.

[unclear: situation] in 1948 which resulted in the [unclear: f] Arabs from Israel was very complex.

[unclear: an] accepted fact that many Arabs were [unclear: nto] leaving by the surrounding Arab coun-[unclear: tally] the Arab High Command which sug-[unclear: at] Palestine would be set free from the Zio-[unclear: ictorious] Arab armies - in order to easily [unclear: h] this the Arabs should leave and could [unclear: ortly] - after the victory - any Arabs who would be regarded as traitors. War was by the Arabs on Israel on the announce-independence in 1948.

[unclear: e] is in fact evidence which shows that the [unclear: iraeli] policy was appealing to the Arabs to

[unclear: interesting] that in the rhetoric of this [unclear: de-] conveniently forgotten that many of the [unclear: mines] confiscated Jews property and ex-[unclear: c] Jewish residents (in fact ¾ of Israel's [unclear: apulauon] today are of Middle Eastern [unclear: a] case in point is a 2500 year old 50,000 [unclear: mimtr] Jewish community who were ex-1949 and airlifted to Israel in 1950.

[unclear: uggests] that Israel is an illegitimate state, [unclear: ould] mean you are suggesting that the 1947[unclear: larauon] establishing Israel is illegitimate. As accepted and legitimate body it is only a mi-[unclear: union] which sees its declaration as being [unclear: ille-]

[unclear: stics] in the article state that there are 4 Palestinians - where does this come I know that in 1948 there were 400,000 Palestinians accepted as bona fide refu-[unclear: n] with a high birth rate your figure is ex-[unclear: ligh] and to say "most were exiled" - Don aren't you getting a little carried

[unclear: s] this about "the Zionist ambition being [unclear: ed] but only changed in the nature of its tac[unclear: onists] have always wanted to live in peace [unclear: nony] with their neighbours and fellow inhab [unclear: his] has been an explicit aim since the first [unclear: fit] of Palestine by the Xionists and is a hop

unclear: ly] stated in its declaration of independence, [*unclear: s*] always been the ambition of Peace!
Re-*[unclear: it]* was always Israel who was attacked by countries in all the Middle East wars other way round.

you will have to be careful about state— [*unclear: of*] what the Israelis will and will not tolerate— your comment that Israelis will not even a Palestinian homeland in any shape) - [*unclear: would*] not like to be identified as having the [*unclear: ws*] as Muldoon so don't do the same with [*unclear: lis*]. Israel is a democratic country with a [*unclear: gr*] of ideas about what the status of the [*unclear: axis*] should be.

have more confidence about the unity the other Arab bodies than do I - so far, has shown their unity to be very superior— [*unclear: d*] temporary.

[*unclear: sonally*] salute the signing of the Peace [*unclear: as*] a positive beginning to constructively a real peace for the future.

Shalom, La Heymann

(Pres. Jewish Students Society)

[*unclear: ply*] to Don Carson's latest "article" in Sa-*[unclear: n]* dismayed that such a collection of biased [*unclear: u*] and outright lies should be offered as fact, on a topic concerning human lives. Perhaps [*unclear: t*] can be shed on the topic by disproving the [*unclear: tint*] of Carson's rhetorical untruths.

[*unclear: ites*] about the "growing anti-semitism, throughout Nazi Germany" but doesn't [*unclear: ther*] anti-Jewish nations such as the USSR. and, and the fact that countries such as Britain and the USA would take only very [*unclear: nbers*] of refugees from these countries, [*unclear: he*] says that the local Arabs "weren't exist" without giving a shred of evidence was so. On the contrary the British. French had no reason to ignore the Arabs, and Jewish settlers did in fact co-exist peacefully-*[unclear: th]* the Arabs. Prove otherwise Mr Carson, otherwise.

major powers "carving up" (?) the region _ [*unclear: der*] the populace — with its large number [*unclear: r*] them. And Sadat is still sensitive to population-*[unclear: ndmt]* state necessarily lead to dispossession-*[unclear: i]* inhabitants? In the event, dispossession occur as an Israeli policy. Don't forget Mr that the "widespread terrorism" was a product-*[unclear: ted]* by the Arabs against the Jews, who [*unclear: d*] in self-defence. In addition, the so—well-armed.....army of the new Jewish State" was just the opposite. Unequipped with weapons remotely comparable to those of its Arab neighbours, it was not even a conventional army, it was a whole nation with nowhere to run and with a determination not to be slaughtered as their fellows were in the Holocaust. That's how it survived Carson also forgets the Jews could not purchase arms prior to the War of Independence, whereas the the Arabs could and did freely purchase liberal supplies of modern weapons.

I challenge Carson to find documentary evidence which proves that Israel "threw most of its people (the Palestinians) out of the door." This can't even be proven by the Arab state. The Palestinians left after the defeat of the Arab armies, ignoring the new government's offer of equal citizenship with Jews.

Mr Carson also forgets that there are political, historical and social forces behind the existence of Israel which cannot be denied. (The Jewish recognition of Israel as historical homeland, the desire of people with a common culture and ethnic grouping to live together, the persecution of Jews at the hands of 'free people' throughout the world)

If the Arabs left their "homeland" then what should Israel have done. Left the houses to collapse and the fields to waste? Anyhow, most of the so-called Arab land belonged not to those who farmed it, but to wealthy absentee land owners who grew rich from their oppressed brothers and then sold it, at great profit, to Jews. Arabs who stayed in Israel have fared somewhat better in terms of rights than those who fled to their Arab neighbours, where they have been kept in concentration camps.

And Carson's "political prisoners" are terrorists and their supporters who murder defenceless women and children, and have vowed to destroy the only democratic state in the Middle East. Those "third-class citizens" have representatives in the Knesset, and the same rights as any other Israeli citizen. Show me such democracy and the same freedom of speech amongst the PLO in Syria, Libya, Jordan or Iraq.

And Begin's peace efforts with Egypt are indeed sincere. Does Carson really think that the Israelis want to keep on dying? Israel has not secured this fragile peace in order to invade Syria, Lebanon and Jordan as Carson would have us believe. Who cannot see that if this were to occur Egypt would immediately go to war with Israel — Sadat has stated this. In fact, peace with Israel has given some hope for peace with other nations and survival for Israel.

When I read about the "massive US aid bribe" behind the peace treaty I can't help thinking about the similar "aid" from the USSR to Arab nations and the withdrawal of such aid from Egypt when Sadat began seeking peace i.e. sought self-determination and rejected foreign influence. Carson complains that Syrian territory wasn't returned at the signing of the treaty. Perhaps this could be because Syria is still at war with Israel. Perhaps if Syria was to negotiate peace its territory would be returned.

I almost missed it. Israel is no "illegitimate" state unless the UN was "unmarried" at the time it recognised Israel.

Comparison with Poland and Chamberlain have no relevance to Carson's argument (?). It is Israel that seeks to survive, without asking for territory. Both Egypt and Israel signed the treaty - it was not signed for them. And Sadat is still sensitive to popular Egyptian sentiment. There were a few hundred thousand happy people in Cairo over a year ago when he announced his decision to negotiate And whatever gains Sadat makes from the US, he loses from the USSR: he is now a target for assassination and his country for terrorism.

How can he not be serious?

But while other Arab states have temporarily reunited against Israel, Egypt has set a precedent and proved that Israel is prepared to negotiate peace with its enemies despite internal disagreements, in an attempt to secure lasting peace. And No, the Palestinians are not "aliens in their own land." In Israel they are legal citizens and have the same democratic rights as any Israeli. And why should Israel negotiate with the PLO - why negotiate with murderers and terrorists who continue to vow the total destruction of Israel. Carson does not prove that the Israelis won't tolerate Palestinians, merely that they won't tolerate murder.

And if the "PLO's formula has been to create a democratic, secular and unitary Palestine" and enable peaceful co-existence then it has a remarkable set of ingredients for doing so, including bombing, hi-jacking, mass-murder (and, incidentally, support for Idi Amin). The PLO should also be pleased to know that such a state already exists.

But the PLO keeps attacking it.

Nigel Hayhurst,
Andrew Tideswell.

Dear Sir,

I am writing to state my position upon your Middle East commentary in last Salient.

Although it is true about the interference of superpowers in that region, you made false conclusions on the problem of gaining the self-determination for Palestinian people.

What do you mean by armed struggle? - Seizure of civil air-liners or explosions in the trade centers of cities or gangsters actions against schoolchildren and passenger buses or killing of several sportsmen at the Olympiad 12 or turning the blossoming tourist-paradise Lebanon into the land of ruins killing by the way several thousand Christian (not Israelis!) and few UN troops soldiers or.....

The way to peace was shown by President Sadat and this is how Palestinians (not PLO) can achieve their independence.

This is the real way!
Jewish student

Pols Rip-Off

Dear Sir,

Concerning text books; in particular Les (Rockefeller) Cleveland's, "the Politics of Tai-hape". What a rip off!

- You need to take out a mortgage to buy this classic - (\$13)approx.
- It's printed on reconditioned Salient paper, and that makes toilet paper look shithot.
- As for the binding, you're all right as long as you don't open it.
- And Les, could you see me about the correct format for footnotes, any further essays like this will be rejected.
- It's not as if we have to buy it, the cunning bastard makes its optional — but it is the only reading that will enable you to pass your "first essay".
- Ever tried comparing \$13.00 worth of Cleveland to \$15.00 worth of Lipsey — Don't!
- Now look, I'm not complaining, so don't get me wrong Les. My view is purely economical, just because I never have a weekend to myself doesn't mean I don't like Pols 111.

Yours on Behalf of the Public Opinion,

I.B. Flapworth.

P.S. Remember Les this is a democracy!

More On Econ 101

Dear Sir,

I am glad to see that someone has had enough gumption to stand up against the status quo and question the unvarying fundamentals of the Econ 101 course.

If more students look note of the shit that is thrown at them and questioned it, boring lectures could become a thing of the past.

The ballet displays by Prof Bertram would put Nureyev to shame.

Yours Daintily,

Wally Brown.

More on Israel

Dear Sir,

In reply to Don's article about the Middle East Peace Treaty, I would like to clarify some of the points that he makes. I have to agree with Don about the Zionist philosophy and would like to stress the importance of such a peace treaty, ever if it is a bilateral one between Egypt and Israel, since this is the first time in the history of the Israeli state that it has agreed to withdraw from any occupied Arab land. Whether this is to ensure Egypt's neutrality in any future conflicts remains to be seen, but the fact remains that it will withdraw from the Sinai over the next three, and it will discuss the future of the West Bank and the Gaza strip.

Another point is the one about the Golan Heights, or Syrian territory occupied by Israel during the six day war. No one can blame Egypt or Israel for not including this territory in the peace treaty. One can not expect to get one's land back without a fight, wither a military or a diplomatic one. A military fight is out of the [unclear: e] question because of the old story about the Arabs being able to sustain many a defeat, but Israel will only be defeated once, so the US will not allow this to happen as we all saw during the Yom Kippur War of 1973, when Israel was on the brink of total defeat by the advancing Egyptian and Syrian Armies.

My conclusion is the least this treaty can and will do, is to check any further expansion of Israel for a while anyway, and if it fails to do anything for the Palestinians, at least it documents to the world that Egypt really wants peace.

Another Mistake Detected

Dear Sir,

This is a complaining letter, and as such I will understand if you do not print it or censor such bits as I am writing now. However before doing so I would advise you to bear in mind that I am the owner of such ideas as sending a copy of Salient in a plain, brown wrapper to Patricia Bartlett. This is not a threat, it's just that I don't like Pat.

Which brings me to the point of this letter. As [unclear: n] average universtiy student I pride myself on being boring an apathetic, and therefore every Monday I pick up a copy of the "Salient" and rush to the earest

toilet to read it (incidentally I would also [*unclear*: ke] to complain about the shabby standard of graffiti at present adorning our bog walls — where is the traditional wit of students seen throwing up after 101 lectures?)

However last Monday I was wallowing in the usual mind-rotting swill found between the seemingly innocent covers of "Salient", when to my horror and disgust I turned to page 17 of the April issue and found that you had printed "Whack your Porcupine", probably the most famous of B. Kliban's cartoons, with the frames in the wrong order! (Exceeding even the effort of the previous week when you left the caption ("Mom knows best") off another B. Kliban cartoon on the back page). This induced foaming at the mouth and paralysis of the brain followed by falling off the toilet seat repeatedly. However, under the advice of my psychiatrist, I am writing this letter and will not sue the "Salient" for mental anguish — provided, that is, that certain conciliatory promises are made concerning the publication of notices in the "Salient" warning of the impending destruction of the world.

Yours Sincerely,

Reginald Kruts.

(As the editor actually flushed himself down the toilet when he detected the error, it is left to me to assure you that this sort of shocking mistake will never occur again sub. ed)

The Pols Fly-Past

Dear Sir,

With regards to the social gathering of the Pols101 morning lecture this week, during which a disagreeable tutor was given the sack ("Walked out").

If the tutors haven't the good judgement to appreciate the superb aerodynamic achievements (darts) of the experienced pilots whose attempts to break apart the ether can only be commended, then it is not the students' fault that their education is lacking! Please give us a chance!

Yours in good faith,

Flying Ace

University Ripping of Students

Dear Sir,

I would like to know whether or not it is true that VUW along with all other tertiary institutions, received our bursary payments in February, and the reason that we have not received them is because they are sitting in their bank collecting interest.

What a nice idea!

.....but maybe I'm greedy. I'd prefer to have my bursary in my bank gathering interest for me or if I so desired, withdrawn and spent by me!

If so, I consider that the reason I shall be (have been) on the Bursaries March will not be for more money, just for some!

Yours in poverty,

C.A.M.

P.S. RE I.B. Flapworth's letter 9th April: Why is it that when anyone has anything intelligent to say they are assumed to be male — I Am Female! and I feel sorry that this wonderfully 'individual' person feels the need to conform to such pathetic ideals in worshipping "amber fluid". I am wondering whether or not this young gent

should consider a dietary change! I feel however that I must agree with his comment about our 'cute' Econ 101 lecturer and his illegible writing. — see you in lectures 'Flaps'!

With Friends of Hunter Like This.....

Dear Sir,

Much midnight oil has been burnt while seeking an appropriate use for the Hunter Building. I wish to put forward a recommendation to save it from becoming a totally useless space.

The chaplaincy at 36 Kelburn Parade is being evicted this year to allow for development of the varsity's academic facilities. So:

The Hunter Building should be hollowed out, have buttresses built in to increase its earthquake resistance, and stained glass windows installed to increase its aesthetic appeal, then consecrated as the campus cathedral. This will provide accommodation for those who currently inhabit 36 Kelburn Parade and will also show VUW is a cut above any other tertiary institution in New Zealand.

Yours in inspiration,

Harold Yellowflower.

Flick is Missing

Dear Ed,

How come that little red building behind the library hasn't got a fire engine in it?

Love,

Carol Addley.

P.S. This is my fourth letter to you.....I hope no one suspects.

A Question for Phil

Dear Salient,

I would just like to ask why Phil Sowman was "sporting" a "fight for safe, legal abortion" at the AGM. Great stuff mate!

Signed,
Susan of Herne Bay.

NEW ZEALAND STUDENTS ARTS COUNCIL New Zealand Students ARTS FESTIVAL 5th-12th May,
1979 University of Canterbury STUDENTS ASSOCIATION UNIVERSITY CANTERBURY PRIVATE
BAG, CHRISTCHURCH 5

Questions and Answer on Arts Festival

Q: When and where is the Festival?

A: Saturday May 5 to Sunday May 12 inclusive. The Festival will be based on the University of Canterbury and [unclear: Christ] church Teachers College Campuses, [unclear: bqH] will make extensive use of venues [unclear: around] the city.

How much does it cost?

The all inclusive registration price for [unclear: stu] dents is \$15, for non-students \$20; this is for

admission to all events. Public and students can attend single events without registration but this will be restricted.

Who is running the Festival?

The New Zealand Students' Arts Council, is holding the Festival as part of its programme for 1979. The Festival itself a being organised by a separate organising committee based in Christchurch.

Where do I stay if I go?

Billets will be arranged through Canterbury students.

How can I get involved?

Work out which area you wish to [unclear: participation] take in and either write to us: c/- UCSA, Private Bag, Ilam Christchurch, or [unclear: contact] Patrick O'Dea (VUWSA campus organiser for the Arts' Festival) or Michael Carr-Greg (VUWSA Cultural Affairs Officer) and discuss things with them.

[unclear: from] can I get money to finance my performance/project?

Money can be made available for funding projects but you must work out a definite proposal as soon as possible, including a budget, and forward it to us direct, or via either Patrick O'Dea or Michael Carr-Gre.

How can I help?

Let us know in what area you wish to help eg. technical, publicity, box office, [unclear: social] etc, and write to us letting us know when you are available. You can be certain [unclear: that] we will contact you.

Alternatively if you wish to help on [unclear: campus] level, contact either Patrick or Michael.

What is planned?

The Festival aims to bring together in Christchurch participants in all areas of the arts in an eight day extravaganza of cultural and social exchange. The [unclear: Festii] will involve public arts groups and [unclear: indivi] as well as campus based performers as a festival of our type provides the only [unclear: op] opportunity for exchange of this type in [unclear: Ne] Zealand. Everything from modern [unclear: danc] to ballet, opera to rock will be presented. There will be international as well as New Zealand professional arts groups [unclear: represei] ted and taking part.

What facilities and equipment are [unclear: availabel?]

List your requirements and we will endeavour to obtain them.

Do I get a free registration if I help?

No. Everyone including the Director an Manager and the Area Controllers must register (it is impossible to determine how much work entitles one to free [unclear: registration])

Travel Arrangements

VUWSA has organised some transport to get students who wish to go to the Festival, whether as performers or audience down to Christchurch.

The main form of transport proposed for getting Vic students to Arts Festival will be a combination of ferry and buses.

The relevant details are:

The fares will be \$26.50 return, and \$18.00 for a one-way trip.

Contact the Student Travel Bureau ([unclear: midfl] floor Union Building - opp. Lounge) for details and bookings.

Billets

Billets will be arranged by the University of Canterbury Students' Association on arrival in Christchurch. If you are travelling to the Festival, but not going on the VUWSA buses, you should report to the Students' Association office at Canterbury University in Ilam Road when you arrive.